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Gov't to weigh publication of secret Shamgar appendix

By LIAT COLLINS

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom yesterday told the Knesset that the prime minister had set up a professional team to examine whether to publish classifted parts of the Shamgar Commission's report on the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He also said Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein is looking into whether there are grounds to

prosecute Avishai Raviv, the GSS operative accused of heading right-wing groups involved incitement and anti-Arab attacks leading up to the assassi-

Rubinstein said there is no immunity clause in Raviv's file to prevent him from facing charges. He expects to decide within a few weeks whether to prosecute Raviv on charges of knowing: about the assassination plot and failing to try to prevent it.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi

said he had asked to see the classified section of the Shamgar Report so he could answer questions about Raviv. The Knesset debate yesterday

was dominated by six motions about whether there was a conspiracy behind the assassination, introduced by legislators from Meretz, The Third Way, Hadash, Labor, Moledet, the National Religious Party, and Shas.

Two additional motions were raised about Raviv's alleged role in the assassination. MKs voted

to hold another debate on these

MK David Azulai of Shas denounced Raviv as "the biggest provocateur in the history of the state," and asked where be had disappeared after the assassination. Azulai also inquired about a report by Arutz 7 claiming that Raviv was being paid a monthly stipend of NIS 9,300.

The mysterious cry "Blanks, blanks," [reportedly heard after the sbots at Rabin] which remains unclear to this

day - who said it? Who sent the beeper messages [to journalists immediately after the assassination] saying: 'This time we failed'?" Azulai asked.

Shalom maintained "there is no basis for the conspiracy theory. It's completely untenable." Some heckling ensued in the plenum. MK Dedi Zucker of Meretz accused Nissan

Slomiansky of the NRP of promoting the conspiracy theory, "because you want to make it seem that was what led to Rabin's murder."

Zucker also pointed an accusing finger at what he called "some of the knitted kippot wearers." The NRP newspaper Hotzofeh came under attack for publishing a theory alleging that MK Shimon Peres was bebind

the assassination plot. MK Dalia Itzik of Labor demanded the paper be closed. "I learned some agriculture," she said. "Wild weeds don't just spring up. They grow close to water sources." She called the

newspaper "dangerous." MK Hashem Mahameed of Hadash said he had been threatened with death by Raviv and asked: "How many more wild weeds are there like him still in

the GSS?" Moledet leader MK Rehavam Ze'evi said the question of Raviv could not be allowed to drop and would naturally arise every year around the anniversary of

Rabin's assassination,

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed

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Israel-PA talks may recess today

BY HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

WASHINGTON - Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are likely to recess today after less than a week, an Israeli official said yesterday. The sides were to decide last night or today when and where to reconvene, he said.

Full-fledged discussions began here yesterday after two additional Palestinian negotiators arrived following American pressure that they were needed to belp close deals on several interim-status

Three sub-committees met at a State Department campus outside the city on establishing a Gaza airport, a safe-passage route between Gaza and the West Bank, and building an industrial park at Kami. Foreign Minister David Levy.

Palestinian Authority's Mahmoud Abbas, and US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross also met on bow to move to final-status negotiations. Talks on opening a Gaza scaport

recessed Tuesday night without agreement, but with the sides hoping to conclude by next week. A State Department spokesman said the talks were "serious and

constructive. Obviously gaps remain, but the parties are getting down to business." It was the first US comment on the talks, which seek to break an eight-month negotiating deadlock. The gaps are still there, espe-

cially on the main issues of further redeployment and unilateral steps," Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said. "We are trying to work out the differences, but we need a long, long time."

But Levy cited an improved atmosphere and the "huge efforts" being made by both sides. He said both are deep into discussions on the main issues and expressed bope that agreement on a "full package" of measures broadening the peace could be reached by the end of the week



Palestinian schoolboys carrying Iraqi and Palestinian flags shout pro-Saddam Hussein slogans during a demonstration organized by their school administrators at Bethlehem's Dehaishe refugee camp.

UN, Iraq to resume talks today

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Iraq and and to the point of view they the United Nations will meet for wished to explain. We are going to another round of talks today on Baghdad's order barring Americans from arms inspection teams in Iraq, the leader of the UN

team said yesterday. UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi said he was pleased that Iraq had agreed to delay the expulsion of the US inspectors until his team bad finished its work and reported back to

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. "I would like to record my appreciation for the fact that Iraq suspended their decision to exclude [American] members of the UN inspection team, which allowed these discussions to be more relaxed," Brahimi told reporters after the second round of

He said Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz had briefed the team on Iraq's position during yesterday's two sessions.

"We listened to their grievances

see them again tomorrow and continue the discussions," be said. There was no comment from the

government on the talks.

Brahimi earlier told reporters the first session of talks had ended "with a very nice atmosphere." He declined to discuss the contents of a letter from Annan to President Saddam Hussein, which had been

The UN diplomatic mission follows Baghdad's decision last week to expel 10 Americans among a 100-member UN arms inspection

UN suspects Iraq of tampering with cameras

(Reuters) - Iraq may have moved material away from UN observation cameras or tampered with the cameras themselves, the chief UN inspector reported yesterday.

Richard Butler, chairman of the UN Special Commission in charge of ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, said the equipment included items that could be used to balance forbidden missile gyro-

NATIONS scopes. He made the state-may have ments in a letter to the Security moved out of view of the ments in a letter to the Security Council.

> UN arms inspectors have a monitoring system in Iraq for that could be used in dangerous weapons as well as for

civilian use. In his letter, Butler said that "significant pieces of dualcapable equipment, subject to monitoring by the commission's remote camera moni-

cameras.

"Furthermore, it appears that cameras may have been intenso-called dual use equipment, tionally tampered with, lenses covered, and lighting turned off in the facilities under monitoring."

He said UN staff intends to inspect two of the facilities concerned today to try to find the equipment that had been moved.

German court finds for one of 21 slave laborers

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER, ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER, and news agencies

A German court yesterday found that only one claimant who worked as a slave laborer at an Auschwitz munitions factory should be paid \$8,690, but that the other 20 women who filed for remuneration had already been compensated.

"We welcome the decision, which recognizes in principle the obligation to compensate Holocaust survivors for the slave labor they were forced to render," said Saul Kagan, executive vice president of the Claims Conference. "However, we are disappointed that the court excluded survivors who received compensation previously."

Rywka Merin, who emigrated to Israel in the late 1960s, was entitled to compensation, the court said. It found that as a former East Bloc resident she had been unable to apply for funds under the 1953 German Indemnification Law.

The other claimants - from Israel, the US, Canada, and Germany - were compensated under that law, the court found.

The verdict could set a precedent allowing more slave labor survivors from East Bloc nations factory while interned at Germany has paid more than \$58

to claim compensation from Auschwitz from 1943 to 1945. Germany.

Those who lost yesterday said they would appeal. Henryka Shejnberg, 72, of Tel Aviv, said they would "fight for wbatever it takes" to be compensated.

"Obviously, the decision was very disappointing and we are very unhappy. We were not asking for any gifts, any handouts. This was money we earned," said Shejnberg, who lost her parents and seven brothers and sisters in the Holocaust. She also bad to have toes amputated after they froze on a "death march" from Auschwitz.

Frankly, if you ask me, I think it bothers them that we continue to stay alive for so long, fighting a verdict. to be given what we deserve, Shejnberg asserted.

She and the other claimants worked at the Union Munitions worked for private companies.

As young girls at the time, the laborers, all Jewish, suffered 12 hour work days, six days a week for 27 to 68 weeks.

In all, about 7 million slave laborers were forced to work for Nazi Germany during the war. Thousands of Holocaust victims

and former slave laborers in the former East Bloc have yet to receive compensation from and very astonishing for the Germany, Judge Heinz Sonnenberger said.

He said it was not the court's duty to determine the fate of all these claims, but rather "a political issue for which legislators could find a new ruling."

The case took six years to reach Germany has previously refused to honor wage claims by slave workers, alleging that they

Moshe Zambar, chairman of the

Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel, said "this decision sounds reasonable for one part of the claimants other."

billion in reparations to Nazi vic-

It is now reluctantly involved in

negotiations to compensate sur-

vivors in central and eastern

He estimated that the ruling could affect between 50,000 and 150,000 survivors.

Bonn has insisted that under current legislation, no one is entitled to compensation purely for forced labor, but possibly for suffering damage to their health or loss of income.

Some major German industrial firms, including Siemens and Mercedes-Benz, have paid reparations to wartime laborers.

Baghdad opposition sources:

PA hiding Iraqi arms secrets

The Palestinian Authority's embassy in Baghdad is being used as a repository for secret documents that relate to Iraq's buildup of unconventional weapons, Iraqi opposition

sources said yesterday. They said the site's diplomatic immunity evidently keeps the documents beyond the reach of UN arms inspectors.

The documents relate to the purchase of raw materials required for hag's manufacture and deployment of weapons of mass destruction, a senior figure in the underground movement to overthrow President

Saddam Hussein said. He attributed his knowledge of the documents' contents to "sources inside Iraqi intelligence." PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's polit-

ical adviser Nabil Amr said, "I have no idea about this information." Asked if it was conceivable that the embassy could be used to hide sensitive Iraqi documents, he declined to comment,

The PA embassy is situated in Arafat's private residence in Baghdad, a heavily guarded palatial structure well inside a compound.

The material is in Yasser Arafat's house," the Iraqi exile said. "It's a One of the Iraqi opposition

groups' American sympathizers, who worked with them in London from 1991 to 1994 and recently resumed activity on their behalf in Washington, said the hidden documents refer to Iraq's chemical weapons, VX nerve gas, "and possibly nuclear arms."

Arafat's residence, "which has just been designated as the PA embassy," he went on, has extraterritorial status and therefore "it is difficult for the UN arms inspectors to make a fuss about it."

the source said, "we have had agents at the site who could see that the embassy building is used to hide documents." He said the nerve gas is stored in a solid state, "like salt," and probably

Speaking for the Iraqi opposition,

is deposited in the Iraqi desert. The alleged existence of secret repositories which effectively are off

limits to the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) was

reported to its British chairman, Richard Butler, in a confidential letter sent by the Iraqi exiles on September 16. Its text contains these passages

"We learned certain information from sources in Baghdad which will be of use to you.

"We believe there are documents regarding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction hidden in St. Joseph's Church in the Dora district. The church is on the main street across from the Assyrian market.

There are also important documents being stored at the Baghdad residence of President Yasser Arafat in the Jadiriya district."

The cordial relations between the PA and Saddam's regime are borne out by a report in the Palestinian press this week that \$100 million in aid from the Iraqi government is being blocked by the UN. Sources here believe Iraq is inter-

ested in exporting oil to the PA through Jordan in addition to providing monetary assistance or as a substitute for it, but this is being prevented by Israel. "It could be a lucrative proposition for all the parties concerned," a source said, "Iraq, Jordan, Israel, and the PA."

Elements of the Palestinian Police were trained in Iraq "and the Iraqi government pays the PA for using camps on Iraqi soil," the source went on, contending that Iraq has been actively involved in preparing terrorists for missions which it initi-

"Arafat never stopped his relations with Iraqi intelligence," a Palestinian familiar with the inner workings of He said Arafat's reported meeting

in Amman with Iraq's ambassador on August 8 "actually was with a senior Iraqi intelligence officer. The Iraqi Embassy was the logical venue, because Iraqi intelligence personnel never stay in botels when they are abroad."

Mohammed Najib adds: Five Palestinian organizations sent a joint message to Saddam vesterday stating their opposition to American "aggression" against Iraq. They also called on the UN to lift its sanctions.

The message was signed by representatives of Fatah, the PFLP, DFPLP, Popular Struggle, and the Arab Liberation Front.

US bill would publish war criminals' records

By SLOBODAN LEKIC

WASHINGTON (AP) - A bill that would make public all US government records on Nazi war criminals compiled since World War II was introduced in the Senate yesterday.

"The time has come for the United States to lift the last remaining veils of secrecy on one of the darkest periods in human history," said Sen. Mike DeWine, a bill cosponsor.

The legislation would complete

an effort started last year, when Congress passed a non-binding resolution urging government agencies to open those records.

President Clinton praised the resolution, saying it was "clearly in our public interest to learn any remaining secrets about the Holocaust." The bill would amend the Freedom of Information Act to suspend restrictions on disclosure of information for Nazi-related

NEWS

in brief

PA to answer extradition requests

The Palestinians have agreed to respond next month to 26 extradition requests, although no suspect has been extradited since the Oslo Accords. The answers will be given when the joint Israeli-Palestinian legal committee meets, the Justice Ministry said last

This emerged from talks between Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and his Palestinian counterpart, Freib Abu-Medien. The meeting was also attended by Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein. The two sides agreed to set up two sub-committees to deal with civil legal matters and with questions relating to prisoners, ministry spokeswoman Etty Eshed said.

IAF rejects new technology parts for F-15I

The Israel Air Force has refused new technology parts for the F-15I fighter jet, because it cannot afford them, although defense executives say these parts could save the air force money and improve performance of the \$88 million plane.

Boeing vice president James Finnett said Boeing is trying to establish an Israeli company to supply the cost-reducing compo-

The first of 25 F-15Is, in a \$2.5 billion contract awarded in 1994, will be displayed in a ceremony today attended by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and senior executives of Boeing, which merged last August with McDonnell Douglas, maker of the

Vilnai says he has great respect for Palestinians

In an interview with Israel Radio, Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai, who said the Palestinians had "the brains of a pigeon," clarified his remarks made to high school students in Eilat on Monday. Vilnai said yesterday that be had referred to suicide bombers and that he had great respect for the Palestinian people and their

"It is impossible that three Gazans with the brain of a pigeon, a kindergarten education, idiots - and I know some of them - will strike us and we will back down," Vilnai was quoted as saying.

"When a terrorist hears whining and arguments within a society it gives him the feeling of success," he said. Arieh O'Sullivan

KITTY CASPER

Widow of the late South African Chief Rabbi passed away in Jerusalem on November 4

> deeply mourned H. Saenger On behalf of the South African Jewish Community

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Hussein loyalists victorious in Jordanian general election

AMMAN (AP) - Tribal leaders loyal to the monarchy defeated fundamentalists in Moslem Tuesday's parliamentary elec-

With the vote count complete, the tribal chiefs won 68 seats in the 80-member lower house of parliament. Independent fundamentalist candidates and their leftist allies won only 12, after a major Islamic party boycotted the

All 17 women among the 524 candidates lost.

Maryland remembers Holocaust

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The trial of Kahane Hai activist

David Axelrod was reopened yes-

terday in Kfar Sava Magistrate's

acquitted of charges of praising

In an interview on Channel 1 a

day after the assassination of

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin,

Axelrod said he was happy to hear that the wicked man had been

murdered and that he and his

In the same interview, he said he

nearly 41 percent of Israelis feel that neither the reli-

gious nor the secular have done sufficient soul-

searching over the event or have learned practical

This is one of the findings from a poll commis-

sioned by the Gesher association, which promotes

understanding between the secular and religious. The

survey found that 45% of secular respondents have

Asked who they thought did more soul-searching,

Benno Gitter

With deep sorrow, the family announces the loss of the beloved

EVER HAGGIAG

who died in Rome on November 4, 1997 (5 Heshvan 5758).

The funeral will be held in Jerusalem today, Thursday, November 6,

leaving from Ben-Gurion Airport at 5 p.m. for Har Hazeitim, Jerusalem.

(Hevra Kaddisha Le'adat Habavlim)

this view, which is shared by 38% of the religious.

was against violence, especially

friends had drunk a toast.

violent acts.

lessons from it.

cials, including Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, this week.

Seifeddine Murad, a former terrorist who was jailed in Greece for a 1969 hand grenade attack on the Athens office of El Al that killed a child. Murad was freed in 1970 in exchange for 55 hostages aboard a

hijacked Olympic Airways plane. The results of Tuesday's vote strengthened Hussein's rule and dealt a severe blow to the fundamentalists and leftists who oppose his pro-Western style and the peace treaty with Israel.

"I promise the people that I will

Maryland Governor Parris Glendening and Suzanne Cohen, a member of his state's trade

delegation, lay a wreath at Yad Vashem yesterday. Glendening will be meeting with local offi-

Kahane Hai activist's retrial opens

Judge David Mualam, who

presided over the hearing, ruled

Axelrod's words did not encour-

age violence although they were

Mualem stressed that in a demo-

The state appealed the ruling.

and the case was bought before

Judge Gabriela Levy yesterday. Levy postponed the hearing until

Axelrod told reporters that many incited against Rabbi Meir Kahane, and when he was mur-

Poll: We haven't learned from Rabin murder

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Among the victors was Mansour serve this country and its leader-eifeddine Murad, a former terror-st who was jailed in Greece for a leader of the Islamic Action Front, who was dismissed for ignoring his fundamentalist party's boycott and running in the

> Aqayleh is also a tribal leader and like other tribal chiefs has deep loyalty 10 Hussein, who has given tribes senior government and army posts, free education and health services, and large tracts of lands to settle.

Tuesday's vote was for the lower

dered in the US charges were not

brought against any of those peo-

confused with that of David

in Tapuah and was acquitted by

Mualem of similar charges on

His acquittal, for expressing joy

at Rabin's murder in an interview

with Israel Radio shortly after the

assassination, aroused anger in

both legal and political spheres. The State Attorney's Office said it

is considering appealing the ver-

40.8% said no one; but 23.7% said the secular and

14.3% said the religious. Another 17.8% said both

groups performed introspection equally following the

Asked who they thought should have done soul-

searching, 60% responded that both the secular and

religious should have done so equally: 20.3% said the

religious should have done so more than the secular,

8% said only the religious; 6.3% said the secular

more than the religious; 1.4% said only the secular,

Prof. Yoram Dinstein

President

murder and 3.4% had no opinion.

and 4% had no opinion.

Axelrod's case should not be

house, known formally as the Chamber of Deputies. The 40member upper bouse is appointed The parliament has more pow-

ers than most Arab legislatures. It adopts laws and can unseat governments, but the king has the power to veto its actions, dissolve , and rule by decree.

Because of these limitations, the

parliament is seen hy voters more as a forum for voicing local grievances than a symbol of democra-

"People are more preoccupied with bread-and-butter issues," said Alaa Tadrus, 47. a tire shop owner in Salt. "Leave politics on the side, I want to feed my kids. Why should I care otherwise?" Tadrus said, adding that he did not vote.

The fundamentalist Islamic Action Front and eight other leftist and pan-Arab nationalist parties said their boycott of the polls was a protest against the government's restrictions on public freedoms, its economic policies, and the peace treaty with Israel.

NEWSLINE

with Prof. Asher Susser .

By DAVID RUDGE

Has the outcome of the Parliamentary elections in Jordan created any major changes?

It has not changed anything in terms of the stability of the regime. The results, however, do reflect a disenchantment that exists in significant sections of the population about a variety

Was the boycott the prime reason for the relatively low turnout?

It was certainly a contributing factor, but not the only one. The decreased turnout also reflects disaffection with the manner in which the parliament has conducted itself and the sense among Jordanians that it has not been very effective.

What were the main items of disaffection that were raised in the elections?

One point is a general disaffection with the economic situation which has improved on the macro level but has not trickled down to the man in the street. Unemployment is still high and rising prices are challenging the standard of living rather than raising it as one would expect.

Another is the peace process.
Teople were led specieve that there would be a peace dividend from the accord with

Israel. This has not happened. The election of Prime Minister Netanyahu, the halting of the Palestinian track and the Mashaal affair have resulted in the peace process being criticized by a wider segment of the population than when the treaty was signed.

Is the criticism of the peace treaty with Israel high on the

The peace process was certainly a factor in the elections but I would not say that it was point number one.

Has the composition of the parliament changed as a result of the elections?

The opposition has lost about half of the power they had in the previous parliament.

Was the boycott of the elec-tions by the Islamic fundamentalists solely a demonstration of dissatisfaction? They may have feared that

their popularity had declined and that this could be exposed in the elections.

The number of people who believe in the Islamist solution today is not as high as it was in 1989. This may also be true in other countries.

Prof. Susser is a senior fellow at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Miadle Eastern

Most oppose Netanyahu's remark on Left's Jewishness

By Jerusalem Post Staff

A decisive majority of the public is opposed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's recent assertion that the Left "has forgotten what it means to be a

According to a Peace Index poll, conducted on October 29, 68.5 percent of the public is opposed or strongly opposed to Netanyahu's

Only 22.6% agreed or strongly agreed, and 8.8% had no clear

When the answers are divided according to Left-Right self-definition, 44.8% of the rightists agree with the statement, as against 5.7% of the leftists and 10.1% in

Other poll results showed that approximately 50% believe there is no difference between Left and Right in concern for national secu-However, according to prevail-

ing belief, the democratic character of the state is more important to the Left (45%) than to the Right (16.5%); while 28% said the two sides value democracy Opinion is also divided on how

the peace process has influenced relations between secular and religious Jews.

Only a few believe it has led to rapprochement, while 44% believe it bas bad no influence and 42% believe it has increased the distance between the two

Of those polled, 37.5% declared themselves rightists, 32% leftists, 20.4% in the Center, and the rest

Syria says peace possible within three months

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Syrian Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam said yesterday that peace could be reached within three months if Israel returns the Golan Heights.

"if Israel also wants peace let it withdraw and this could lead to a peace agreement within three months," he said in an interview with Lebanon's private Future Television. "It is natural that if we are faced with aggression, that aggression will not be a picnic."

Meanwhile, President Hafez

Assad yesterday welcomed a European role in pushing the Middle East peace process for-

ward, his spokesman said.
The official Syrian news agency
SANA quoted European Union
envoy Miguel Moratinos as saying after talks with Foreign Minister Farouk Shara that Europe wanted to play an active role in the Middle East peace process.

Assad's spokesman, Joubran

Kourieh, said in a statement that Assad "welcomed an effective European role in the peace process that would push the process

is exerting to break the deadlock and push the process forward," Kourieh added.

see "a resumption of negotiations on the Syrian-Israeli track as soon as possible. The EU is completely committed to work to achieve just and comprehensive peace in the region. And I have assured [Shara] that the EU is trying hard to play an active role," SANA quoted Moratinos as saying.

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demand to resume peace talks from where they left off with the previous Israeli Labor govern-

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towards its goal in achieving just and comprehensive peace." "Moratinos explained the European Union views over the current situation and the efforts it

Moratinos said the EU wants to

It said Shara renewed Syria's

Tuesday, November 11

Morning sessions 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Evening sessions 8 - 10 p.m.

At all as the last

week that priority be given to projects aimed at preventing violence,

"No group is excluded," a Swiss

She explained that the founda-

tion was intended to finance long-

term projects, while immediate

individual needs could be met

through a "humanitarian fund,"

The fund and foundation have

been roudnely confused in public

started last winter.

rather than aiding individuals.

Foreign Ministry source said.

By MARILYN HENRY

Swiss officials yesterday denied reports that a proposed \$5 billion

"Solidarity Foundation" would

However, it was not clear how

the fouodation would be orga-

nized, who would benefit, and

Working groups, convened hy

the Swiss Finance Ministry to

determine how the foundation

would work, recommended last

By BATSHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman and

the two chief rahhis yesterday

issued appeals oo the second

anniversary of prime minister

Yitzhak Rahin's assassination for

greater understanding between

There are a great deal of dif-

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religious and the secular and we

should all take this memorial

week as a ome for soul-search-

ing," Weizman said. "One of the

most important ways to calm

down the situation is for secular

and religious Jews to reach out to

Weizman spoke during a

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each other."

Hanassi.

ferences," Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, said. Lau discussed the historic divistons among Jews. "Even io the time of Moses, it

was oecessary to appoint judges to order to keep the peace," he "Moses appointed 78,600

judges for a population of 600,000... There seems to be some flaw in our personalities which leads to confrootation and we must combat this ... We must

seek and love peace and love other human beings. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doroo described the slaying of Rabin "by someone who believed he was acting out of ide-

Conspiracy theory

Fioance Minister Yaakov

Neeman's appeal to the prime

mioister to investigate the suspi-

cions of General Security Service

involvement in the Rabio assassi-

oation raised io a Hatzofeh arti-

"There is oothing that the

politicians woo't invent, includ-

ing sick, groundless conspiracy

theories, in order to lay the hlame

on the other side," writes Yediot

Ma'ariv's Ron Miberg warns

of a oever-ending dehate around the false coospiracy issue: "If we

do not get the whole story [from

Yigal Amir], we will be desuned

to fluctuate notil the end of ome

between the truth as we know it

and the demonic and imaginary

versioos of those who attempt to draw. political and demagogic

Miberg adds in an article with

Amoon Dankner that from a

clever attorney like Neeman, "we

would oot bave expected a polit-

are difficult to absorb usually

produce false charges," states

Ha'aretz's Hanna Kim, adding

that coospiracy is often the only

way to deal with the guilt of the

assassioation and the problems

that the assassin had attempted to

"Deaths and assassinations that

ical oovice's slip."

Aharonat's Nahum Barnea.

cle provoked media tumult.

Everything possible must be dooo in order to correct this," he

"Thou shalt not kill is a com-

Axelrod verdict

David Axelrod's acquittal hy a

Kfar Sava Magistrate's Court

judge oo charges of praisiog the

Rahin assassination, aroused

Prof. Ruth Gabizon io Yediot

states that although the judge's

verdict was not unfounded, it is

infuriating.

"[Judge] Mualem's verdict...

hrings back the frustration aod

emharrassment regarding the

limits of the country's courts in

facing the terrible rupture in the

Ha'aretz's Ze'ev Segal claims

that the verdict is puzzling, as Axelrod's statement "the traitor

was terminated, clearly violates

the prohibition of publicizing

He adds that the acquittal was

given in the worst possible um-

iog, comiog as it did on the sec-

ood anniversary of Rahio's

Sharon's defeat

The dismissal of the libel suit

brought hy Ariel Sharon against

Ha'aretz and journalist Uzi

Benziman was also a focus of

praise of violence."

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By ORLY AHARONI

claims

Sharon is neither.

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American inspectors.

inspeccion.

Religious Affairs Minister

Swiss officials deny proposed foundation

would exclude Holocaust survivors

"would go to the ends of the earth

not to permit such a fitnd to be established," if Holocaust sur-

vivors were excluded. "Holocaust

survivors should be first on line,

Burg also appealed to Jewish

leaders in the US to campaign

against the setting up of such a

The Swiss government proposed

the "Solidarity Foundation" last

March, saying it would be financed with interest from gold

foundation, Itim reported.

not last," he said.

Weizman, chief rabbis: It's time

to heal religious-secular rift

Avraham Burg said yesterday he reserves.

Zevulun Hammer added: "No-

history by killing a prime minis-

President Ezer Weizman shakes hands with one of the religious court judges sworn in yesterday at ology" as "an unequaled desecra- mandment and it is our duty to one is permitted to kill in the see it is upbeld. We must extin- name of religion. It must be absolutely clear that it is oot possible to try to change the path of

The foundation, being established next year, would benefit Swiss and non-Swiss victims of genocide, disaster and human rights abuses, according to Swiss President Arnold Koller.

The idea was to aid Holocaust victims and other needy people. Swiss Finance Minister Kaspar Villiger has said that the planned foundation would address general rather than individual cases. The foundation needs to be approved by referendum.

The other charity, the "humanitarian fund," made up of contributions from Swiss banks and industry, was established March 1 to help needy survivors, Jews and non-Jews alike

Allocations were to be decided by a council with representatives from the World Jewish Restitution

Organization. The WJRO has said that a first stipend of some \$12 million would be handed out to needy Holocaust survivors in eastern and central Europe by the month's end.

Bereaved family accuses town of fraud

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The chief engineer of the Migdal Ha'emek Municipality has been suspended on suspicion of obtaining funds for the city for a memorial park that was built privately by a bereaved family.

The Balalu family was allocated an unused field oext to their house, which they converted into a memorial park for their son, Staff-Sgt. Rafi Balalo, and 72 other servicemen killed in the helicopter collision over She'ar Yashuv in February.

"We did everything with the belp of friends and neighbors, who volunteered their services and equipmeot," Esther Balalti said

Balalo said she was therefore amazed to look out her window in August and see the municipal engineer showing the work to a representative of the Housing Ministry. The family investigated and found that the ministry had been billed NIS 125,000 by the municipality for the park. The hill was signed by the municipal engineer and hy Mayor Shaul Amor.

"We went straight to Amor and demanded an investigation," Balalti said. "We are old friends and Likud supporters and I cooldn't believe that Amor would do something like that to us." --

Amor then asked the municipality's comptroller to carry out an investigation. Amor said yesterday be had "automatically" signed the form presented him by the engineer and did not ootice what it referred to. "I sign hundreds of

The engineer will be hrought before a municipal affairs trihunal shortly, Amor said.

MKs approve long school-day for 100 localities

A long school-day will be operated in 100 localities throughout the country starting January 1, the Knesset Education Committee decided yesterday. Pupils in the selected locations will study 41 hours during a six-day week, ministry Directory-General Benzion Dell said, adding that "affirmative actioo" is 10 be given in the program to Arab schools.

The first 100 localities for the program include confrontation line settlements, towns in development zone A, those with unemployment above 10 percent, those under 10,000 population, and Jerusalem Post Staff Project Renewal neighborhoods.

Rabin memorial website launched

A permanent, on-line memorial site for Yitzhak Rahin, which has an index of all other Internet sites on the assassinated premier, was launched this week by CoralNet. Visitors may leave a personal message and view slides showing important events in his life. The site, which appears in Hebrew and English, is at http://www.coral./rabin.

Canadian foreign minister to visit

Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy will visit Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and five other Middle Eastern states next week in an effort to drum up support for the international convention against the use of and-personnel mines.

Due to arrive in Jerusalem on Tuesday, Axworthy also has the Middle East peace process at the top of his agenda. Axworthy's itinerary will take him to Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria en route to the World Economic Forum which opens in Qatar on November 16. He is also to stop in Ankara to urge Turkey's leaders to participate in the international land-mine conference in Jay Bushinsky Ottawa next month.

Kashrut complaint line launched

The Chief Rahbinate has instituted a 24-hour telephone service to field complaints about kashrut fraud. According to the law, any business or food product advertising itself as kosher must have a certificate from the local rabbinate. Imported food products must have kashrut certification from the Chief Rabbinate.

According to Daniel Aviv, spokesman for the Chief Rabbinate, the most common cases of fraud are for a restaurant or eating place to advertise itself as kosher, eveo though it is oot supervised hy the local rabbinate, for a business to display an out-of-date kashrut certificate, or for a shop to sell non-kosher items adverosed as kosher. To make a complaint, call (02) 5313187. A recorded message asks the caller to report the name and address of the offender and his own oame and telephone number. Haim Shapiro

Jerusalem-TA rail service suspended further

Train service between the capital and Tel Aviv has been further suspended following the discovery of defects in the line. Service was halted last week after a second derailment near Bar Giora. It is expected that repairs will be completed by mid-month.

Israel Railways Director-General Amos Uzani said that many years of neglect are responsible for the large oumber of derailments in recent weeks, and he intends to request a special budget of NIS 50 million from the Treasury to upgrade infrastructure, in particular on the Jerusalem and Beersheba lines. Sybil Ehrlich

Police seize unauthorized reptiles

Police confiscated 35 reptiles from the home of a tour guide in Kiryat Arba oo Tuesday. The reptiles were handed over to Nature Authority officials. Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said police, acting on a tip, discovered poisonous snakes, turtles, other reptiles, and stuffed animals in the house. Sivan said spect had violated the Reptiles Law, which requires authorized permits to hold them at home. Margot Dudkevitch



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'Decision on charges by end of month'

By ESTHER HECHT

A decision will be made by the end of this month on whether to prosecute anyone involved in the hridge callapse at last July's Maccabiah Games, State Attorney Edna Arbel said yesterday.

The Justice Ministry is relating

with the utmost seriousness to the disaster, in which four athletes were killed and 62 injured; Arbel said in a meeting with Mark Leibler, president of UIA/Keren Hayesod in Australia. Following completion of the police investigation and testimony by expert witnesses, the criminal investigation is proceeding in the Tel Aviv district attorney's office. Arbel added.

The meeting followed complaints by the families of the victims that insurance claims are being held up by the delay in prosecuting. This week, they reportedly sent a sharply worded letter to Australian Sports Minister Andrew Thompson demanding that Israel be barred from the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Sydney in the year 2000 if those responsible for the tragedy are not held accountable.

However, Ron Weiser, president nf the Zionist Federation of Australia, denied that an organized group within the Australian Jewish community has approached Thompson regarding a boycott nf the Israeli athletes for the Olympics. "It is absolute rubbish to state or can."

infer that this community is considering such a boycott."

The families also complained that funds earmarked by the Prime Minister's Office to provide loans for initial financial assistance are

apparently stuck in red tape. The loan funds are now available, and payment will be made immediately upon receipt of a list of applicants from Maccabi Australia, said Miriam Ruhinstein, director of the civil department in the State Attorney's Office, who attended the meeting initiated by Leibler.

The handling of the tragedy has caused cracks in the Australian Jewish community, and in its rela-tions with Israel, Leibler said. "I'm convinced Edna Arbel understands

Leibler attributed the tension and distress in the Australian community to the manner in which Israel handled the aftermath of the disaster. "It's not so much the substance of how this has been handled, but miscommunication and insensitivity,"

There have been repeated assurances from the Prime Minister's Office that the loans were being expedited, but deadlines passed and nothing happened, he said.

He had also been brushed off by someone in the Tel Aviv district attorney's office who, he said, had told him, "We have lots of priorities. We'll come back to you when we

Three indicted in Aslan hit

Three men were indicted in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for the attempted murder of underworld figure Meni Aslan on September 10.

Nahman Cohen, 37, Ben Sothi, 22, and Sharon Cain, 25, all of Tel Aviv. were charged with criminal conspiracy and attempted murder. Cohen allegedly commissioned the hit. Sothi and Cain are charged with hir-

ing the alleged hitmen - Sharon Mnkeiten and his relative, a minor, both nf whom have already been indicted - providing them with weapons and planning the operation.

Mokeiten and the minor were arrested in the doorway of Aslan's .Tel Aviv restaurant. They were botharmed, and wearing hats, gloves, and



Arab students protest

Members of the Hebrew University's Arab Students Union protest yesterday on the Mt. Scopus campus over the lack of housing for Arab students, particularly first-year students. The Hebrew signs read: 'Equality is a right, not a favor' and 'They don't even give us caravans.' The Arabic sign at left reads: 'There's a limit to patience.'

Indian community furious at rabbi's refusal to okay marriages

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

Members of the Indian community are furious at a sweeping decision by Petah Tikva Chief Rabbi Shimon Snlnmon tn refuse tn apprave the marriages af ynung people of Indian descent. The issue came to the fare after

a young cnuple was sent a letter early this week informing them that their application for marriage was refused on the grounds that the prospective bride, Orly Solomon, came from an Indian

Solomon is schednled to wed. next Thursday, and had submit-

ted ber documents for approval back in December.

But last mnnth, Snlomon issued a balachic decision questioning the Judaism of the more than 100,000 "B'nai Israel" Jews who immigrated from India in the 1950s and '60s. Orly Snlnmon was infnrmed

that, without undergning a ritual immersion as a conversion ceremony, she would not be permit-ted to marry under Petah Tikva Other members of the Indian

community attempting tn register in Petah Tikva have received the same notice.

"I can't believe this is happen-

ing," Snlnmon said yesterday. sider that option. "To get mar-Hnw can I be Jewish everywhere else in Israel, and not in Petab Tikva?"

On Tuesday, in an effort tn bypass the refusal of the Petah Tikva rabbinate, the couple decided in attempt to register in marry in Rosb Ha ayin. But the rabbi refused in register them without a written referral from the Petab Tikva rabbi.

In Rosh Ha'ayin, she reported, she was told that "we dnn't accept the goyim of Petah Tikva, and asked "what's the big deal about undergoing a con-

ried under the auspices of our own municipality, where we grew up and paid taxes, is onr "We are Israeli citizens, we did

our army service, we are Jews. It has hurt my parents deeply that their Judaism has been called intn question."

The Petah Tikva rabbinate refused to comment.

David Naveh, an activist in the Indian community, called Solomon's policy "an outrage" and that if he does not reconsider his decision, demonstrations and other forms of protest will Snlomon flatly refuses to con-

hospital sanctions today

There will be no sanctions by the Israel Medical Association today, but they are due to resume next week unless the Treasury carries out its signed commitment to finance 360 additional doctors' job slots to alleviate overwork by hospital physicians.

In addition, the physicians are continuing their new policy of dis-charging patients only when fully recovered, instead of sending them home prematurely. This has had the effect of increasing crowding in the wards, especially internal medicine departments, as an attempt to put pressure on the Treasury. Occupancy has already reached 150 percent in the internal medicine departments of Assaf Harofe, Kaplan, Soroka, and Wolfson hospitals, with many patients lying in the corridors.

IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar this week attacked Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman for "lack of credibility and hurting lower socio-econnmic groups." He was particularly critical of Neeman's statement that the National Health Insurance Law that went into effect in 1994 is "unreasonable" and that the government cannot cover the NIS 1.3 billion deficit produced by the "current version" of the law.

Blachar said that Neeman, who was "never elected," is misleading elected officials and members of the government. "When the public wakes up in the fact that the health system has been destroyed, the finance minister and his underlings may not be in their jobs... The structural changes that Neeman wants in introduce through the back door prove that he wants to cancel the law, reduce public funding of health care, and replace it with more citizens' payments."

As to the Treasury's claims about job slots, Blachar said the ministry "approved the job slots, but not the financing; the hospitals would have to pay for it if they wanted more doctors. "When Neeman returns to his fancy lawyer's office and continues to serve the top 1,000th socio-econnmic percentile of the population, the doctors will continue to treat patients, even in the hos-pitals' parking lots [if there is no room elsewhere]," he said.

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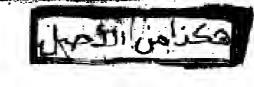
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try to conceive a girl or boy. Although details of the Selnas method have oot been published in any medical journal, tests in France

on taxes," said Vermont Gov. sions of the vote. "We have to do Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, "You have to neutralize them on that issue."

Shul out in all the top races, members of President Bill ging rights beading into next Clinton's party were left 10 find solace anypiace they could. Party chairman Roy Romer called it a "great victory" that his party even came close against Whitman, who eked out a win, 47% to 46%, over challenger Jim tough Democratic opponent and McGreevey.

When you see a race as close as we came in New Jersey, that hoosts morale; it doesn't lessen it," Romer insisted.

The stakes for both parties will be far higher in 1998, when all 435 House and 34 Senale seats and 36 governorships will be al stake.

Giuliani beat his Democratic challenger, Ruth Messinger, with 57% of the vote. The second Republican in 60 years to be elected to a second term, he won all boroughs except the Bronx. Four years ago, he defeated the city's first black mayor, David Dinkins, hy barely 50,000 votes.

A former federal prosecutor, Giuliaoi got 76% of the Jewish vote, 73% of the white vote, and 50% of the women's vote, according to exit polls. However, he lost the black and Hispanic vote. Turnout was described as "modest."

In his victory speech, Giuliani Republicans to get the advantage acknowledged the ethoic divi-

a better job of serving all of you. We have to reach out to all of you, and if we haven't, I apologize," he told the cheering crowd, "I'm sorry, and it is my personal commitment that we will try, endlessly and tirelessly, to bring all of you into the kind of success we have in this room."

The mayor's pledge for his next term was to drive drugs from the city.

In New York City, registered Democrats outnumber Republicans 5-1. But Messinger, a liberal from the Upper West Side, was unable to carry her home nurf, Manhattan, in part because Giuliani has strong credentials with liberals. He is as an advocate of immigrants' rights. and in favor of gun control, gay rights, and affirmative action.

Giuliani's 57% was a crowning triumph, although somewhat less than the opinion polls had pre-dicted. Giuliani did come close to the record win of legendary Republican mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, who captured 58.5% of the vote in his 1937 victory.

Mark Green retained his job as New York public advocate, heatiog the Orthodox Republican contender Jules Polonetsky by a wide margin. City Comptroller Alan Hevesi also was re-elected. Elsewhere, Minneapolis and Pittshurgh rejected bids for funds for sports stadiums,

Washington state junked tighter



New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman hugs her son Taylor, 18, while watching the election returns on Tuesday. Taylor voted for the first time in these elections.

gun restrictioos, workplace protections for gays, and legalized zoo spending. marijuana for medicinal use; and

to move after voters sniffed at margin voters have retained the tors to help terminally ill

The most-watched contest was

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patients take their lives, have vowed to turn to the courts to

US buys MiGs from Moldova 'to keep them away from Iran'

By DMITRY CHUBASHENKO

CHISINAU (Reuters) - Moldova said vesterday that its sale of 21 Russianmade MiG-29C warplanes to the United States would raise \$40 million for its

Washington announced on Tuesday it had bought the advanced warplanes from Moldova and bad brought them to the United States to keep them away from "rogue states, incloding Iran."

Defense Secretary William Cohen told reporters Iran had sought to obtain the modern fighters - capable of launching ouclear arms - from the former Soviet

state which is now one of Eastern Europe's young democracies.

The state budget will gain \$40 million from the deal," Finance Minister Valeriu Chitan told reporters in the Moldovan capital Chisinau. He declined to say whether this was the total price paid for the 21 jets.

Moldova's Defense Minister Valeriu Pasat confirmed the sale, but categorically refused to name a price for the deal. "All the MiGs are gone. Not a single

plane remained in Moldova," Pasat said. Asked about the price of the deal, he said: "It is a state secret." A high-ranking member of Moldova's

parliamentary committee on defense and security said that half the price of the deal - \$40 million - would be paid in cash and the rest would be paid in ammunition and other equipment. After the break-up of the Soviet Union

in 1991 Moldova declared all Soviet arms its own property. They included 31 MiG-29 fighters of an air regimeot based at Marculesti some 150 kilometers oorth of Chisinau. The regiment had been stationed in Marculesti since World War II. Alexandru Gorgan, military adviser to former Moldovan Presideot Mircea Soegur, said that in 1994 four planes had been sold to Yemen.

"If we had sold the planes at the very beginning, we would have got \$450-500 million," Gorgon said.

Due to lack of financing the condition of the planes had deteriorated over the years and were now "100 dangerous to fly them", he said.

Gorgan, who was presidential military advisor till the end of 1996, said that "many foreigners, including Iranians, used to come to Moldova to negotiate the purchase of MiGs.

Cohen told a Pentagoo news briefing oo Tuesday that the United States had "credible information that a oumber of rogue states, including Iran, are attempt-

ing to buy available high-tech equipment and weapons in the aftermath of the break-up of the Soviet Union."

These MiG aircraft were on their shopping list," he said.

Coheo praised Moldova's government for selling them to the United States and said the cash-snapped country would receive surplus US military equipment and bumanitarian aid funds from the United States.

He said the United States would reassemble the MiGs and test them for capability, but that the main purpose in obtaining them was to keep them away from states which might use them to

threateo America and its allies. In Moscow there was oo immediate

comment on the possible significance of the sale of the advanced, Russianmade planes to its old Cold War adver-

"Moldova is a completely different state - what has this deal to do with Russia?" commented one Defense

Ministry press spokesman.

The MiG-29 C variant can carry a weapons payload of up to 3,000 kilograms - allowing the planes to launch air-to-ground missiles which could, conceivably, be armed with nuclear war-

Historian: Papon was no small fish in Vichy regime

BORDEAUX (AP) - Maurice Papon surprised the court in his war crimes trial yesterday by paying tribute to a historian who argued that top French officials knew what fate awaited deported

During five hours of testimony, historian Marc-Olivier Baruch depicted the behavior of highlevel French bureaucrats during the Nazi occupation and their role in turning over Jews to the Germans. "I think a senior civil servant as

of 1942 could not ignore the cruel fate that awaited a Jew who was handed over to bis bereditary enemy," Baruch testified.

Baruch is the latest in a series of prominent historians called to testify about the Nazi occupation of France in Papon's trial. A former post-war cabinet min-

ister, Papon, 87 is charged with signing arrest orders that led to the deportation of 1,690 Jews, includiog 223 children, from Bordeaux.

Papon, who was a police supervisor in the Gironde region during the war, had described himself during Tuesday's court session as

a "low-level functionary." Baruch tion for the fact that Baruch bad countered that, arguing Papon had exercised considerable authority and would oot bave suffered greatly if he had refused to apply

anti-Jewish edicts. Laws adopted in October 1940 deprived Jews of their right to teach, practice law or medicioe, hold property, or be civil servants. Baruch cited the example of an education inspector who refused to explain anti-Jewish laws in a Paris high school - only to be

transferred as a philosopby teacher in Versailles. Baruch, who studied more than 30,000 documents to write his book, condemned what be called the anesthesia of the conscious of civil servants" in following the

dictates of Vichy. After listening to Baruch's testimooy, Papon said he was impressed by the "perceptive-

ness" of his research. Speaking of the world Baruch described in his testimony, Papon went on to say: "I recognized, apart from the slight difference, the reality I experienced, I recognized in large part, the difficulties of administrative life during the

Papon also expressed apprecia-

taken into consideration the pres-

eoce of the occupier and its

authority. Before hearings reconvened, Nazi buoter Serge Klarsfeld broadcast a recording of French President Jacques Chirac's historic admission of the responsibility of French collaboration in the

Holocaust. The July 17, 1995 speech com-memorated the 53rd anniversary of the single largest raid of Jews by French police, and marked France's first official acknowledgment of Vichy's systematic perse-

cutioo and deportation of Jews. That day, France committed the irreparable. Failing to keep its word, it handed over its citizens to their hutchers... and there is a col-lective wrong," Chirac said.

About 12,000 Jews, including women and children, were arrested in the July 16, 1942 dawn raid and transferred to the Velodrome d'Hiver, a winter cycling stadium.

But Chirac's position, welcomed by France's Jewish community, has come under fire from Gaullists testifying at Papon's trial, prompting several prominent Gaullist leaders to reject it out-

Iran: Saudis seeking dialogue on oil prices

Minister Ali bin Ibrahim al-Naimi called yesterday for closer cooperation with Iran on oil prices, the official Iranian news agency IRNA said.

the importance of the two countries' cooperation to keep oil prices at a fair level adding that his country seeks further negotiations with Iranian officials to expand cooperation specially in the oil sector," the agency said.

his country aims to address expan-

Iran has yet to give its view on a proposal by Saudi Arabia to increase OPEC's output ceiling when ministers meet in Jakarta on November 26, an official from the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) said.

French truck strike turns violent

By CHRISTIAN CURTENELLE

PARIS (Reuters) - Violence erupted at the barricades of the French truckers' strike yesterday, threatening new efforts to end a gridlock that has paralyzed France and infuriated its European partners.

The atmosphere at the negotiating table was hopeful.

"This time, it looks like the bosses have finally understood what is happeoing at the road-blocks," Roger Poletti of the trade unioo Force Ouvriere (FO) told reporters after the first, 90-minute round of talks.

"The whole tone is now rather positive," chimed in Joel Le Cog of the CFDT union. But Le Coq warned that the

mood could sour if strikers came under attack from truckers seeking to break through strikers' roadblocks. Violence erupted early yester-

day when a dozen masked men charged a strikers' roadhlock near Marseille, beating three former head of Britaio's Labor

truckers with froo bars and Party, clashed with Marc who say they often put in long

One striker was rushed to hospital with serious head injuries from the attack at Vitrolles in southern France.

"If such attacks grow in number, there could be several weeks of strikes so we are making a call for reason. Let's not poison things," Le Coq said. Traffic officials counted 174

Marseille area and the Rhone Valley worst hit. Gasolice sbortages and boarding of foodstuffs were reported

around the country. Finance Minister Dominique

Strauss-Kahn said the strike bad not yet had an important ecocomic effect. While France's trading part-

oers were concerned with gaining unimpeded access to markets through France, Paris stressed the right to strike. European Transport

Commissioner Neil Kinnock.

Bloodel said that Kinnock bad written him expressing special concern about roadblocks wbich were a major obstacle to ioternational exchanges." Blondel tartly responded he was "delighted Mr. Kinnock was worried about the situation in France but bis intervection seemed to portend a challenge to the right to strike... roadblocks, with Normandy, the

"Using such logic, one will soon conclude that trade union activity and even freedom of speech are infringements to economic liberalism," Bloodel

Spanish officials say some 8,000 Spanish trucks have been delayed, trapped by roadblocks or forced to take alternative routes. Spanish farmers have threateoed a boycott of Freoch goods if the strike continues. An estimated 350,000 French truckers are involved in the strike. The unions are demand-

forcing a passage through for Bloodel, head of the pro- days on the road without full about 12 refrigerator trucks. Socialist FO union, pay, Employers prefer a yearly or moothly salary.

Michel Caillaud of the FNCR uoion said after yesterday's talks that employers had offered a monthly scheme that would integrate hourly pay-

He predicted there would be an accord "in the coming hours...withio 4g bours at the

Delegates from the Union of Transport Federations (UFT), the employers' association whose walkout last Friday crippled last-ditch wage talks, said they also wanted an agreement and thought negotiations as the Transport Ministry could go oo late ioto the night.

"We want to negotiate and reach a durable solution. We are optimistic," said Jeao-Paul Deneuville of the FNTR, the main employers group in the UFT employers association.

The UFT represents 80 pering an hourly wage for drivers, cent of road haulage firms.

Scientist: Parents can choose children's sex on 155 couples have proven suc-

LONDON (Reuters) - A French scieotist said yesterday that he had devised a method to allow parents to choose the sex of their children. Patrick Schoun, a researcher based in LaSeyne sur Mer in southem France, has devised a natural gender selection program called Selmas which he says guarantees parents the baby of their choice boy or girl.
It is almost 100 percent effec-

tive," he told a news conference. The Selnas Method is based on determining the alternating negative or positive polarity of the membrane of the woman's ovum, or egg. When the ovum is positively charged it attracts sperm with the 'x' (girl) chromosome and when it is negatively charged it attracts the 'y' (boy) chromosome.

Using sophisticated computer programming and imputing specific details about the woman's age, blood type and dates of first and last menstrual periods, Schoun claims he can produce a personalized calendar of a woman's ovum polarity giving details about the best time to

puterized calendar in Britain, Africa and the Caribbean, claimed 75 mothers in the French trial achieved pregnancy in four months and nearly half were pregnant in six months. The Selnas Method, which was launched in Europe yesterday, will

cessful in 153 cases, he said.

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Baby, which will market the com-

be available worldwide. Dr. George Hogewind, a consultant gynecologist at the London Gynecology and Fertility Center, said Schoun's research into the charging of the sperm and ovum is correct, but he argued that a trial of just 155 women was not a large

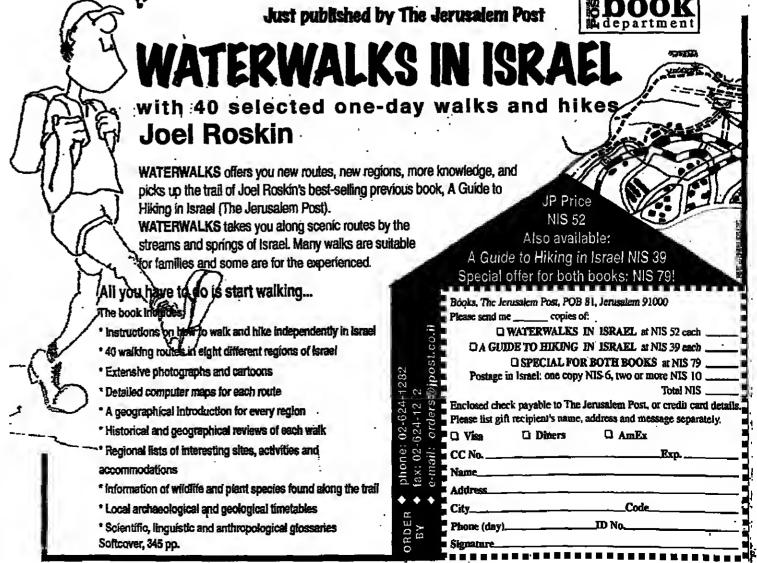
enough study or representative. "The second thing that concerns me is that of the 155 couples they studied, quite surprisingly none of them had a fertility problem and we know that infertility affects one in six couples," he said in a telephone merview.

"It's almost too good to be true." Hogewind said if Schoun's program works it will reduce the number of selective abortions and bring hope to thousands of families, but he called for a much larger study to

TEHRAN (Reuters) - Saudi Oil

The Saudi minister underlined

Naimi, speaking at a meeting in Riyadh with the Iranian ambassador to Saudi Arabia, said "that sion of industrial cooperation with Iran during the upcoming OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) summit in Indonesia...", IRNA said.



Funeral of British policewoman

A police officer wipes his eyes during the funeral service of Woman Police Constable Nina Mackay at a church in Loughton, England yesterday. Mackay, an officer in London's Metropolitan Police, was stabbed to death while attempting to make an arrest last month.

The rise and fall of Sobchak

The former St. Petersburg mayor is now a political has-been, a suspected criminal and a physical wreck, Vanora Bennett reports

Anatoly Sobchak, a onetime democratic hero, has been as darkly fantastic as any of the classical Russian literature written in this imperial capital that he ran for five post-Soviet years.

In the glory days of August 1991, Sobchak and President Boris Yeltsin together rallied the Russian masses to stop a hard-line Soviet coup. But Sobchak, briefly considered a potential future president of Russia, gradually grew so unpopular here that he lost his mayor's job last sum-

Then things got worse. Now Sobchak is in a hospital bed, wearing a white gown and on an intravenous drip. He faces both a trial over allegations of large-scale comption while in office and the surgeon's knife after suffering a heart attack during questioning in the city prosecutor's office.

His interrogation followed the launch in September of the latest of many Russian campaigns against top-level corruption. None of them has targeted politicians in favor in

Sobchak, a tall, stooping former law professor, says he is being made

a scapegoat.
"I find it amusing to be accused of being the mirror of Russian corruption," he said.

"There are other reasons for this," he said. 'The main one is to distract attention from Moscow, the real center of corruption." The controversy over Sobchak shows how far Russian politics, now run by tough, pragmatic economists, has moved

ST. PETERSBURG — The fall of intellectual democracy of unatoly Sobchak, a onetime demoof St. Petersburg symbolizes. It also makes clear how Russians became disillusioned with that early democracy, seeing the movement's leaders as both inefficient and greedy, and why many are watching the down-fall of Sobchak with grim satisfac-

> The list of accusations against him is long and detailed.

Sobchak freely admits that he let pop stars, political cronies and City Hall chauffeurs buy apartments from City Hall at cut-rate prices.

He says he had the right to be generous "not only to cultural figures and people who served their country and marked themselves with achievement, but lonely mothers, poorer people [or] a woman with riplets." Such gifts cost St. Petersburg \$2 million last year, says Alexander Shishlov, a parliamentary deputy and one of Sobchak's leading

But what brought Sobchak before the prosecutor was a scandal closer to home. He is also accused of abusing his mayoral powers to attach an extra apartment to his own flat on a pretty St. Petersburg canal-side street, creating a 305-square-meter living space registered in his wife's name; that is a space beyond the wildest dreams of most people here, who live in tiny apartments up winding staircases. The money used to buy new housing for his former neighbors came from a real-estate company seeking concessions from the city, according to the daily Investia. The same company also gave Sobchak's niece another

Another property in Sobchak's wife's name is allegedly a country mansion, complete with pointy fairytale tower, in the nearby village of

St. Petersburg is buzzing with still more rumors about possible Sobchak properties in Paris, Spain, Finland and the northern Russian province of Karelia, not to mention apartments in Moscow and bulging bank accounts in London.

But Lyudmila Narusova, Sobchak's wife and a parliamentary deputy, says the family property abroad consists of no more than .09 square meters of St. Petersburg, Florida, a symbolic gift from its

Politicians of Sobchak's own liberal-democratic ilk say he is being victimized. Gavril Popov, who was the mayor of Moscow in 1991, told Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper that the authorities are behaving in a very peculiar" way.

But, apart from veteran democratic politicians, hardly anyone is sympathetic to the conspiracy theory expla-

Lawmaker Alexei Alexandrov, a lawyer, poured cold water on it, saying: "I don't think anyone's behind the Sobchak affair. He's a loner, not a team player. That's his tragedy. It's his egonism and ambition that have made him a host of enemies."

Whatever the verdict - if Sobchak's health improves enough so he can face trial - "democrat" has become a dirty word in St. Petersburg these days. The people of this improbably beautiful city of decaying Italianate palaces, glam-orous canals, tubercular fogs and poisoned water are fed up with Sobchak for neglecting their home.

St. Petersburg stayed poor and uncomfortable after the Soviet collapse, while the rival city of Moscow, which people here once despised, got rich under capitalism. Voters are pleased that, since June, they at last have a more efficient politician running their city. Under Mayor Vladimir Yakovlev,

traffic has been disrupted by a frenzy of road work. Tramlines have been ripped up and potholed streets resurfaced. For the first time in years, garbage is being collected reg-

"Of course I voted for Sobchak. He represented everything I believed in, when democracy was the slogan

on everyone's lips," said academic Konstantin Bogdanov, 34, "But he did nothing for the city. I like feeling now that the city's beginning to work again. I'm beginning to realize you need someone efficient in charge - actions, not just words."

If anything does make people in St. Petersburg feel a twinge of sympathy for Sobchak, it is the extraordinary circumstances in which he fell ill October 3, an episode in the tradition of the city's 19th-century writers Alexander Pushkin and Nikolai GogoL

Russia's classical literature heroes are little men: youths pursued through freak floods by nightmarish bronze czars on horseback; or downtrodden bureaucrats dying while their empty overcoats carry on, writing meaningless chits at their desks. Compassion for these fictitious ancestors makes city people here look kindly on any underdog being crushed by authority.
In Sobchak's case, an ambulance

was called to the prosecutor's officeto take him to the hospital only after his wife rushed in to save her husband from what she called "communists and gestapo." Narusova blamed her husband's heart problem on "about 10" riot police, who she said had muscled her husband to the prosecutor's office. But officials there said they were forced to bring Sobchak in because he had ignored 12 earlier invitations to appear vol-

There is an even more literary feel about the man running the commis-sion investigating the Sobchak's property privatizations. Yuri Shutov is far from neutral about his former boss, who, he says, fired him from City Hall and jailed him on trumpedup charges ranging from setting fire to a hotel to attempting the assassination of the president of Azerbaijan.

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Shutov has written a series of malicious books about Sobchak, full of unflattering photos of his hate object. One title, The Heart of Sobchak, is another literary allusion. this time to a novella by 1930s author Mikhail Bulgakov, Heart of

True, I wouldn't vote for Sobchak now," reflected student Marina Zimina, 24. "But I do feel sorry for him. Whatever he did, or didn't do, it seems as though the whole establishment has got together to pick on him"

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Virgin sightings increase in Mexico

By DAVID LUHNOW

JALCOMULCO, Mexico -The Vatican believes the Virgin Mary has appeared only a handful of times in the 2,000 years since her son was crucified, but many Catholics in Mexico believe she turns up nearly every

La Virgin de Guadalupe, as she is known here, is said to appear "miraculously" in ordinary objects from treetops to stovetops, from the grimy floor of Mexico City's subway to the fruit-laden fields next to this village in eastern Mexico.

The images are usually the result of a natural event - a water stain on the floor, for example but bear a resemblance to the shrouded virgin's outline. Some are so similar it is downright spooky. In the past few months, virgin sightings bave multiplied like enchiladas at a Mexican food fair. People have seen her image in everything from the dented fender of a '74 Chevy to a split clove of garlic.

Amando Contreras Torres, a diminutive 57-year-old peasant, recently wrapped some mamey, a fleshy fruit similar to mango, in newspaper and packed them in a crate to ripen. When be unpacked the fruit a week later, the virgin's image was printed on a sheet of the newspaper in what looked like ink.

"It wasn't there when be packed the fruit," swore his wife Maria Antonia Ixtla, who said her husband will not talk to anyone publicly about the miracle. The family said it had tried to keep the event secret but a carpenter they hired to build a wooden frame for the image told the rest of the village, in eastern

Veracruz state.

Hundreds of impoverished local peasants, including some who walked more than 10 hours from nearby towns, lined up on a recent Sunday to pay homage at a makeshift shrine for the image at Contreras's home. Locals said a similar crowd had gathered nearly every day for two months.

Virgin miracles are not limited to remote villages. Two children noticed in June that a brown-colored water stain on the floor of Mexico City's crowded Hidalgo metro station looked like the virgin. Within days, as word spread, thousands of faithful turned out to see the apparition, which officials said came from a leaky

drainage pipe under the tiled

The crowd at the station grew so thick that officials were forced to remove the section of tile containing the image and place it in a shrine outside. A ceremony was held and a priest blessed the stain.

Built into an enclave of simple blue tile, it draws a daily crowd of believers who wait in line to touch it and pray. A nearby vendor sells red roses for use as an offering and another does a brisk business selling soft drinks.

In the nearby neighborhood of Condesa, fresb flowers are placed almost daily near what looks like an outline of the virgin on a tree that lost a branch.

Sightings of the virgin in Mexico began in 1531, when she is said to have appeared to an Indian named Juan Diego on a bill just outside Mexico City, stamping her image on his cloak and in Mexico's history. The apparition, on a sacred hill that was home to an important Aztec goddess and was rich in Indian lore, was a seminal event in the Spanish conquest of much of the Americas.

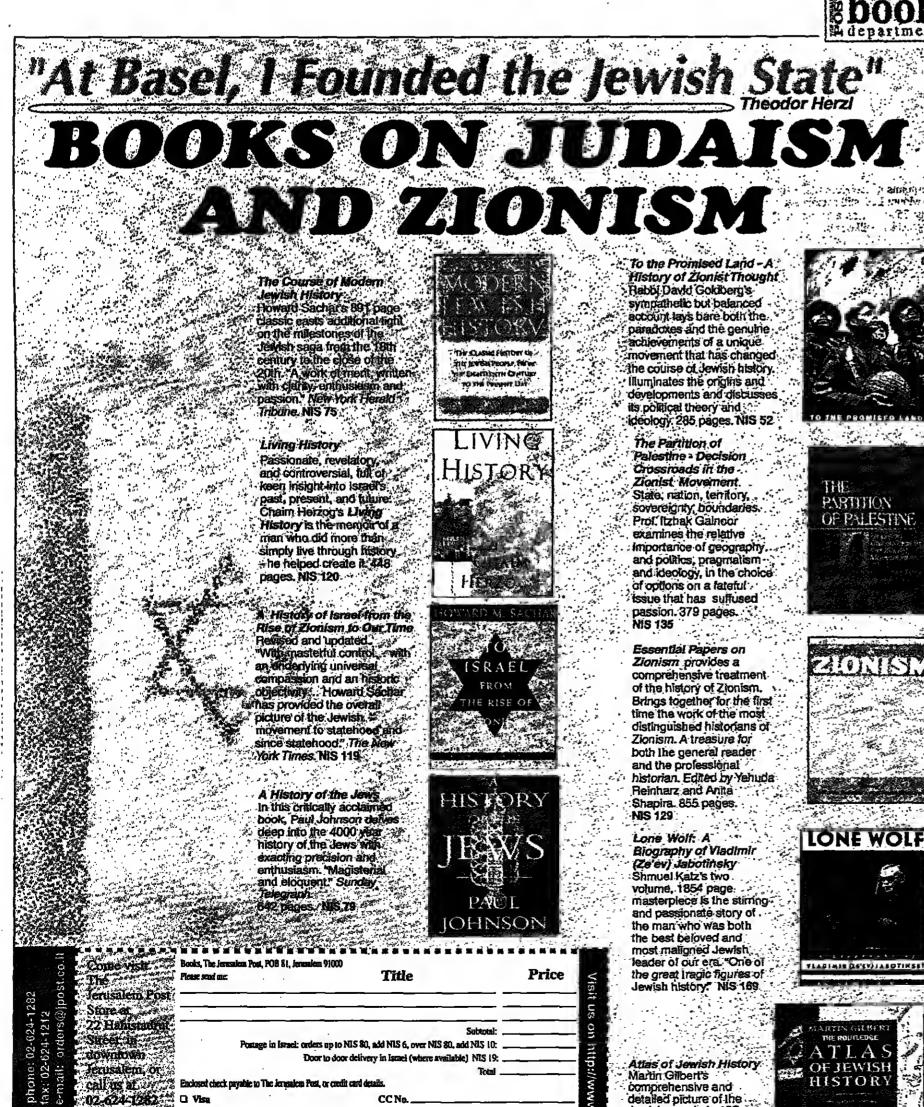
It was an event that brought together two religions and two cultures continents apart. Within 10 years of the sighting, some nine million Aztecs had taken the Catholic faith of their conquerors, weaving it subtly with traditional customs of polytheism and idol worship.

Modern-day sightings may have their roots in Mexico's recent economic crisis, which forced many out of their jobs and created an almost existential despair among normally upbeat Mexicans.

"People in times of need turn to what they know and trust. Here the Virgin is an everyday, essential part of who Mexicans are as a people and as individuals," says Homero Aridjis, a poet and commentator.

Last year, the priest in charge of the basilica where the virgin appeared more than 400 years ago was forced to step down after he reportedly said the miracle may never have taken place but was important nonetheless because it propagated Catholicism.

Whether the virgin actually appeared or was a myth intended to belp Indians accept a new religion, Catholic priests today reap what their predecessors sowed. (Reuters)

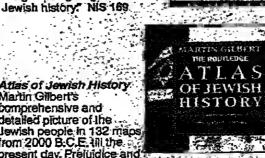












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Who remembers Hong Kong '97? By DELE OLOJEDE crisis on its own is all the more HONG KONG - When China's remarkable because China has so Communist leaders, upon reposmuch riding on this city's economic sessing Hong Kong from the British

talist enclave a free hand, not many in the territory believed they really meant it. But amid a financial meltdown that directly threatens the mainland's interests. Beijing officials

have remained relatively mute. When they've said anything at all, they've expressed confidence in the ability of Hong Kong authorities to solve their own problems.

on July 1, pledged to give the capi-

Beijing's restraint in its first real test points to a growing perception here that the policy of "one country, two systems," as the mainland calls its relationship with Hong Kong, may be for real after all.

"China bas behaved very, very well, we must admit," said Y.C. Yiu, an economics professor at the University of Hong Kong. They have left everybody alone in this crisis and have said they will intervene only if asked. That is remarkable." When China retook Hong Kong after 155 years of British rule. many thought the territory's ways, exuberant capitalism and gung-bo spirit would prove unbearable for heavy-handed Communist leaders, despite pledges to let Hong Kong be Hong Kong and China be China in all but

defense and foreign affairs. But so far, except for changes in tone and emphasis and relatively marginal episodes such as banning the display of flags of the breakaway territory of Taiwan, even opponeous of Communist rule concede that Beijing has by and large stayed its hand.

The decision of mainland leaders to let Hong Kong handle the current

well-being. Among other things, Hong Kong is the largest investor in the mainland, pouring more than \$100 billion into factories and infrastructure during the past few years.

Hong Kong's stock market also is the primary source of capital for some of China's largest state-owned enterprises. China Telecom, in an initial public offering, recently raised about \$4 billion here.

And then the market crashed. As a result, a number of Chinese behemoths, such as the state-owned aircraft and avionics company, China National Aviation Corp., have

been forced to suspend plans to be listed on the Hong Kong exchange. Analysts say China's entire privatization program, adopted during September's Communist Party con-gress, may face considerable delay.

In the face of all this, officials have watched from the sidelines as local authorities wage a bruising battle with currency speculators to preserve the Hong Kong dollar's peg to the US dollar.

Interference in a very crude sort of way will be for some leader in Beijing to tell Hong Kong's leaders what to do -- that is not happening," said Margaret Ng, a prominent prodemocracy leader.

But is that enough? The whole issue of a change of attitude - that is a much more difficult thing to gauge." None of the obvious measurements show any backsliding in the "one country, two systems" pol-

Anti-Beijing demonstrations continue as usual. During a recent meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, demonstrators yelled obscenities at Chinese Premier Li Peng, and all the



An investor monitors stock movements on a Hong Kong Stock Exchange screen during last week's market mayhem. China has been conspicuously silent all during the crisis.

police did was shoo the hecklers hwa recently announced that the away. For now, there is absolutely no evidence that Hong Kong will continue to be anything other than a capitalist enclave on the underside of the world's last major Communist coun-

But the "attitude" change to which Ng referred can be found in subtle shadings and colorations that are discernible since the hand-over.

English, the language of the colonial ruler, gradually is being taken down from its pedestal, although it was never wholeheartedly adopted except by the local elite and, of

necessity, by bureaucrats. The Chinese-appointed governlocal Chinese dialect, Cantonese, will be reintroduced gradually as the principal language of instruction in public schools. And when Tung gave his recent state-of-the-city speech, few could have failed to notice that it was the first time the annual address was given in Cantonese.

Increasing numbers of Hong Kong residents are more at ease with their Chinese identity, according to experts. In the months leading to the hand-over, polls showed a majority of locals identifying themselves as Hong Kong people rather than as Chinese. But that is changing.

There is still a gap between Hong ment of chief executive Tung Chee- Kong people and mainland Chinese,

but they now perceive themselves more as Chinese than simply Hong Kong people," said Sonny Shiuhung Lo, co-director of the Hong Kong Transition Project, which tracks local attitudes.

Such is the steadfastness of Beijing's hands-off policy that the only controversies to erupt concern such questions as whether Taiwan sympathizers should be free to display that island's flag, knowing that China's leaders will be driveo into paroxysms of anger. Tung has proved himself unwilling to test that particular issue - Hong Kong police recently removed Taiwanese flags displayed in a public space.

Last week a local magazine reprinted its cover because the original had a picture of the flag. Distributors said they would rather not take chances.

Despite such sensitivities, however, Hong Kongers have resisted anything that might indicate a slip-sliding toward what locals refer to as "the Chinese way. "One recent controversy involved an official birthday party that Tung wanted to throw in honor of Sir Sze-yuen Chung, one of Hong Kong's most prominent citizens, who is widely regarded as pro-China.

Critics, particularly from the opposition Democratic Party, accused Tung of mixing the personal with the official, and the chief executive regretfully relented and canceled. "Why do we make a fuss? It's because some people feel it's a way of doing things that is not traditional to Hong Kong, blurring official and personal matters," Ng said. "Now that we are part of China. should we act the Chinese way? It is a change of attitude, that somehow 'It is a Chinese way of doing

Ross Perot returns

By TERRY M. NEAL

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - For those who thought - or boped — the Reform Party was dead, think again. More than 400 zealous delegates and hundreds of other supporters from every state gathered here this weekend to begin the formal process of creating what they believe will be the first viable third party this

During a year marked by squabbling and internal dissension, the party's activists were ending 1997 on a high note, taking real steps toward recognition by the

individual hard-money limits mandated by federal law.

"You've got to raise funds, but you can't let special interests corrupt the party," said David Goldman, an attorney and state party official from Florida. "We wouldn't want [soft money] from Ross Perot. We don't want to be beholden to bim or anybody else." Besides money, the party also faces a troublesome image problem among many Americans, who see it as little more than a mouthpiece for an opinionated, rich

Today/CNN/Gallup poll indicates

Can US activists create a viable third party this century?

Federal Elections Commission as a national political party. The delegates created a constitution and a nomioating process and began the laborious process of drafting

an issue platform. Delegates were hoping to generate excitement by trying to create an identity beyond that of the party's billionaire benefactor and two-time presidential candidate, Ross Perot.

But eveo after this weekeod's efforts, building the party will be no easy task. Consider just the issue of money, Interim treasurer Carl Owenby Jr. proudly announced to cheering delegates on Friday that the party had taken in \$136,819 in contributions this year and after covering the costs of the convention, still bad \$50,000 in the bank.

By contrast, President Clinton was helping the Democratic Party raise about \$3.5 million this week-

While Reform Party officials recognize that it will take money to build a political party, they have sworn off the unregulated, unlimit-ed cash contributions known as "soft money."

Reform of lobbying and cam-paign finances and balancing the budget form the centerpiece of the Reform Party's platform, and party leaders believe its message of grass-roots activism and ethical politics, rather than big money, will be the thing that attracts voters. Rejecting soft money is also a bold step toward independence because Perot, who contributed teos of millions of his own money

that 55 percent of adults have an unfavorable impression of the Reform Party, compared with 26 perceot who bave a favorable impression, according to an article in Friday's USA Today.

Many here blamed the media for perpetuating that image, and party leaders made creating communications and public relations plans a central task.

"This is not Ross Perot's party," insisted California delegate Jean Nash, seeking out reporters before the kick-off event Friday. "He's the founder, but it's a people's party." Speaking Saturday night after the group unanimously passed a resolution honoring him as its founder, Perot said, "If you'd like me to go away. I will. If you want me to stay. I will," Taking the applause and cheers as encouragement, he

asked supporters to stand. Nearly everyone did.

Perot launched into a familiar speech, criticizing federal workers, campaign financing, the oews media and the tactics of his political opponents, which he characterized as "lies, tricks and infiltrations." While this weekend's gathering was relatively harmonious, dissidents who in January accused Perot and his Dallas-based staff of acting more autocratically than democratically and earlier this month formed the breakaway American Reform Party, said the regular Reform Party could never attract more voters as long as Perot - wbose support dropped from 19 percent in the 1992 presidential election to 8 percent last year - played such a dominant

Hollywood makes a comeback

By MARY COREY

HOLLYWOOD - If you wander down Hollywood Boulevard, stand on Annette Funicello's star along the Walk of Fame and look left, you see it the Hollywood sign. Through the smog, the boxy white letters appear on the hillside, a beacon to the dreams below.

As recognizable as the Statue of Liberty, as celebrated as Big Ben, the nameplate epitomizes the glamour and glitz of this town. But the five-story wonder - now sand-wiched between a hotel logo and a movie billboard - has come to repreality is something else, downand-out and decaying, a city more noted for tattoo parlors and T-shirt

shops than movie-star cachet. The studios, save for Paramount, moved out long ago, and real life moved in.

Heavy-metal music blares from an electronic shop. The homeless seek out spare change, and marquees promise "totally oude girls." For tourists, the disappointment is palpable. At Hollywood and Vine, the once-illustrious corner, there's a souvenir shop, credit association, 'candy store and pizzeria.

Guidebooks note how times have changed. "Hollywood and Vine is now simply a place to stand in order to be stripped of your illusions and possibly your wallet," writes

Gil Reavill in Hollywood and the Best of Los Angeles.

There are some echoes of the heady past. Arnund Mann's Chinese Theater, tourists put their hands and feet in cement prints of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Shirley Temple and Joan Crawford, Many point their cameras toward the sidewalk to photograph the bronze stars that make up the Walk of Fame.

The biggest names haven't always ended up in the best spots. Marilyn Monroe is by McDonald's, Claudette Colbert is in front of a tacky lingerie store, and Guy Lombardo is near an occult shop. But no good Hollywood

would be complete without a comeback, and some predict that here. Hints of revitalization include new subway construction, a multimillion-dollar renovation of the legendary Egyptian Theater, and a planned historical walking tour with signs marking points of inter-

We still do not have critical mass," says Leron Gubler, executive director of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. "But it's like the stars are finally in align-

ment for Hollywood.... Tourists come here by the millions - nine million a year - to see

They want to know where the movie stars walked, where they lived, where they dined. There's a

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sense of history. Probably 80 percent of the buildings are still standing. The challenge is to preserve that sense of place while at the same time adding things that will enhance the tourist experience. Gubler, who resembles Jerry Mathers from Leave It to Beaver, has seen improvements - a reduc-

tion in crime, an increase in business - since taking over years ago. He points to the Hollywood sign atop Mount Lee, still standing after nearly 75 years, as a reminder of what was and still can be.

Built in 1923 as a promotion for a real-estate development, it has sured nearly every imaginable calamity: vandals, graffiti, neglect, community opposition, earthquakes and termites.

And like the community it represents, the sign has adapted to the It originally "Hollywoodland," but "land" was removed in 1949.

By 1978, the symbol - as with any aging star in this town required a facelift, and a massive effort was launched to save it. Benefactors donated thousands of dollars toward the restoration of particular letters: Hugh Hefner saved the Y, Alice Cooper donated for an O and Andy Williams the W.

structure was reconstructed with sheet metal and concrete.

The following year the entire The 45-foot tall sign has also been the site of tragedy. In 1932, stage actress Lillian Millicent Entwistle - depressed over failing to break into films - climbed on the letter H and jumped to her death.

Some have suggested that other despondent starlets followed, although no other names have been released.

Pranksters have made the sign their mouthpiece, altering it to read "Hollyweed," "Hollyweird" and "Ollywood" (for Lt. Col. Oliver North). In recent years, the Chamber of Commerce and the city of Los Angeles, keepers of the sign, have installed greater security including motion detectors, hidden video cameras and lasers - to deter

Don Selten, a Los Angeles native, recalls when misbehaving by the structure was a rite of passage for California youth. "I climbed up there with my BB gun and shot the lightbulbs," says Selten, 71, a retired restaurateur who lives blocks to the left of the H. As the president of the Hollywoodland Homeowners' Association, a community of 550 houses surrounding the tourist attraction, he now protects the inter-

ests of those who live in its shadow. While many in this neighborhood of million-dollar homes are charmed by the mystique of the symbol, they see its presence as a nuisance. "We suffer the garbage, Coca-Cola cups, cigarettes," Selten

says. "On the slowest day, 150 to 350 people stop to take pictures in the middle of the street."

A recent controversy involved Disney, which wanted to paint spots on the sign to promote the release of 101 Dalmatians. Homeowners vetoed the idea, as they do nearly any commercial venture. For Gubler, working with the group has been an exercise in diplomacy. His attempts to promote Hollywood are thwarted by many residents' desire for peace and quiet, he says.

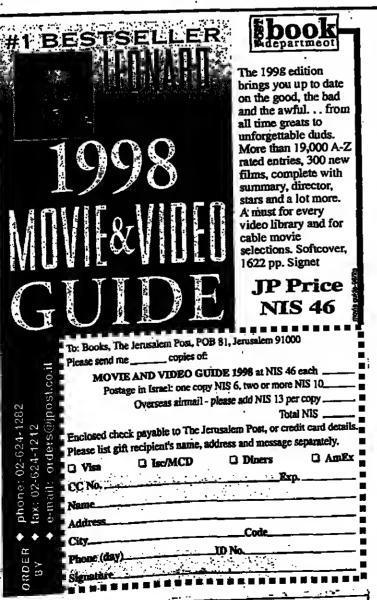
"They complain about the sign a lot," Gubler says. "But it was there to get the party started, will be before any of them." And the sign — required to follow the \$20,000 as well as the glittering world it represents - is likely to live on past all of them.

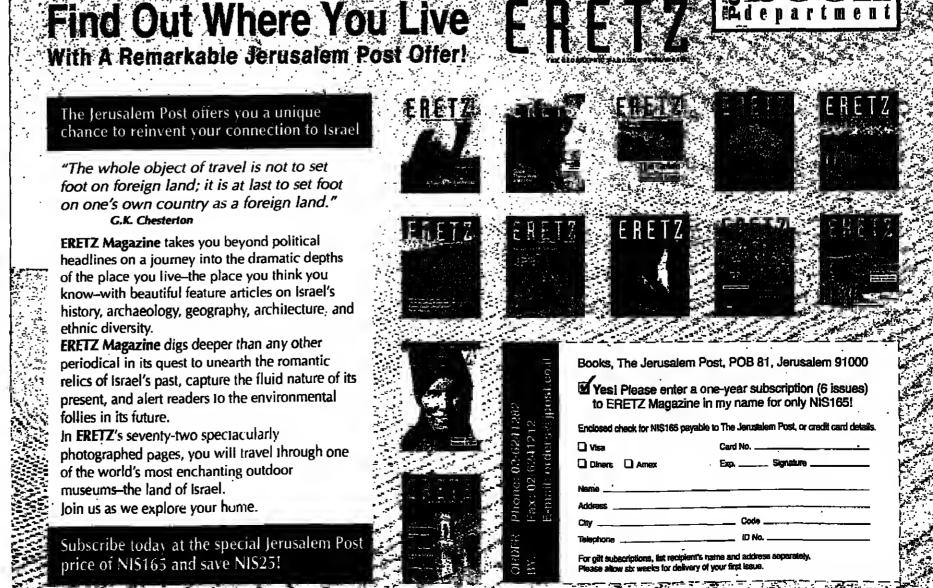
But Hollywood isn't a sign or a 12-square-mile plot of land but a sprawling, vainglorious state of mind firmly rooted in the American consciousness.

It's gaziog at Engelbert Humperdinck's pink chateau and Aaron Spelling's dream palace during a tour of stars' homes. It's wandering past chic bistros on Sunset Boulevard rumored to be owned by Rod Stewart and Elton John. And it's standing in the brilliant California sunshine and watching Hugh Grant climb out of a rented Volvo and wander your way. That's Hollywood.

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A good show

The best that can be said about Tuesday's parliamentary elections in Jordan is that they were a good show and a nice try. Despite the royal house's efforts to portray the results in as good a light as possible, the truth is that Jordan is still far from being a full democracy. It is nevertheless still the closest to democracy of any Arab nation, and as such deserves as much encouragement in that direction as it can get from Israel and the West.

The spread of democracy is important for world peace and prosperity for a number of reasons. Only democracies can ensure the proper enforcement of human and civil rights and prevent the human suffering so prevalent in dictatorial regimes. The statement that in all of human history no war has ever been initiated between two fully democratic countries has been repeated so often it is in danger of becoming a platitude -- hut that makes it no less true or significant. As for economic well-being, one of the lessons that emerged from the recent financial meltdown in Southeast Asia has been that fully integrating into the ricbes of the emerging glohal economy requires nations to adopt bonest, trustworthy, and accountable governments.

The above might seem so close to motherhood and apple pie that it needs no repeating, but when it comes to neighboring Arab states there is a not-insignificant strain of opinion in Israel which bolds that it might be preferable for some of those countries to delay full democratization. According to this view, the authoritarian rule of strong men in the Palestinian Authority and such places as Jordan is necessary to strangle terrorism and prevent Islamic radicalism from sweeping into power. The flaw in this line of reasoning is that it is precisely authoritarian regimes which are the most militaristic and given too easily to the changing whims of rulers. History teaches that the best way to fight radicalism is to form stable democracies in which the voices of the masses who wish to live their lives peacefully in civil societies can be -heard.

No one has any real illusions about the nature of democracy in the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan. King Hussein is clearly the decisionmaker. It is be and not parliament who determines who will occupy the position of prime minister. Indeed, it sometimes appears as if the monarch has taken on the role of the coach of a sports team, having a pool of prime ministers in reserve. Whenever the sitting premier appears to be lessing favor with the Klag a replacement. begins warming up on the sidelines, getting ready to be called into play. The role of the parliament in such a system is to be a forum for discussion, not the source of political power.

Nevertheless, since 1989 Jordan has taken steps towards the adoption of democracy, and at least managed to attain a status that might be described as "democracy-friendly." In contrast to sometimes brutally authoritarian neighbors such as Syria, Iraq, and even the PA, the Hashemite kingdom is orderly and well run, and its citizens enjoy freedoms unknown in most other Arah states. The press has been guaranteed freedoms. The electoral system in particular has developed in a positive manner, and elections enable political parties and a rudimen-

tary opposition to bave some say in parliament. It was therefore disturbing to see the recent erosion in this progress. Press restrictions were imposed last May by royal decree, hypassing parliament, and 13 weekly newspapers were subsequently closed. The Islamic Action Front decided to boycott the elections, despite the fact that Islamic participation in the political process in Jordan has always been considered a major reason no serious armed Islamic revolutionary force has ever developed in the kingdom. The balloting itself was accompanied by reports of fraud and chaos, with 120,000 names removed from the voting rolls only last week, when duplications and even the registry of deceased persons was discovered.

Nor were the results particularly encouraging. The low voter turnout - 44 percent - reflects not only the Islamic boycott but a dangerous apathy among a public that does not perceive the composition of the parliament as having any real impact on their lives. Most of the victors were tribal notables. Only five candidates who ran on official party tickets won seats in the 80-member lower house, and the much-touted National Constitutional Party miserably lost its bid to become Jordan's major party.

This is significant, in that parliaments filled with members of parties representing ideologies, as opposed to tribal loyalties, are important in forming democracies. No woman managed to win a seat - a regression from the last. election. The lack of even a perceived opposition has disturbed even the royal house, which is eager to keep up the appearance of democra-

None of this means that Israeli and Western support for King Hussem and Jordan need be curtailed. On the contrary, efforts must be made to prevent further deterioration of democracy. As the only Arab country to even advance this far along the road to democracy, Jordan should be applauded and further encouraged to view the bumps in this road as "part of growing up." in the words of Crown Prince Hassan, An evolving constitutional monarchy is much preferable to most other realistic alternatives.



Conduct unbecoming

Te have been going through a particularly rocky period for Israel and her supporters: The peace process has been teetering on the brink of collapse; relations with the US have been strained; the botched assassination attempt in Amman has left a lot of people shaking their heads in astonishment, not to mention the damage done to relations with Jordan and Canada. If that wasn't enough, along comes S., the 17-year-old accused murderer from suburban Washington, DC, who fled to Israel under the foolishly mistaken notion that be would either be welcomed or

protected. While the case has understandably provoked emotional reactions and has attracted considerable attention, it should be nothing more than a passing blip on the radar screen, having no serious long-range rami-

fications. I wish that were true. Unfortunately the case has unleashed ferocious Congressional attacks and threats against Israel which have unmasked deep problems with the current state of US-Israel relations on Capitol Hill. It also poses a critical challenge for the .pro-Israel community. ...

from the beginning Israel and the US have been in complete agreement as to the desired outcome: both want S. to stand trial in committed.

It is critical to understand that

Nevertheless, for several weeks before Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein ruled S. could be extradited, a nasty and very public anti-Israel campaign was launched in Washington demanding S.'s immediate turnover. To hell with the law, it was said: Israel gets billions from the US, and if it knows what's good for it, S. had better be on the next plane to the States.

Such ravings could be expected from the usual Israel-bashers, such as Patrick Buchanan and Robert **NEAL M. SHER**

Novak. But when they emanate from the halls of Congress, and from the chairmen of the powerful House Appropriations Committee and its Sub-Committee on Foreign Operations no less, we'd better take notice. That's serious stuff.

Robert Livingston (R- Louisiana) and Sonny Callahan (R- Alabama) hold those respective positions; they are central to all issues surrounding foreign aid and cannot be taken lightly. What they have to say about Israel reverberates throughout the corridors of power as well as in the media. And what they'd been saying was been downright ugly.

Most troublesome was how quickly and loudly the two played the foreign aid card. To say the least, Callahan has never been a champion of foreign aid. And he has made no secret of his eagemess to slash Israel's account. He's always looking for any excuse to wield the ax.

Nor has he been shy about criticizing pro-Israel lobbying. In 1996, as head of AIPAC, I testified before his sub-committee. I was asked a rather pointed question by the chairman, to which I'm sure he didn't expect an answer. Did I share his view that Israel received its aid only because the Jews make political contributions? Subtlety is not Mr. Callahan's strong suit.

The attacks by Livin haps even more disturbing, because he should know better. As a former federal prosecutor Livingston knows about due process of law.

TRUE enough, the full \$3 billion in aid has been approved and the immediate crisis has passed. But it would be a mistake to think all is well. The Livingston-Calianan campaign exposed the soft underbelly of the US-Israel relationship in this Congress. While the large number of votes in favor of foreign aid might suggest that the support is a

Justice in Bordeaux

mile wide, the knee-jerk reaction of key Congressional leaders to pull the trigger demonstrates that when push comes to shove that support is only an incb deep. That should make any supporter of Israel feel terribly uneasy.

The potential damage from the

Livingston-Callahan offensive (m both senses of the word) must not be swept under the rug. It is essential that AIPAC meet these bully tactics head-on, using its full arsenal.

Earlier this summer, AIPAC publicly took on the solidly pro-Israel Clinton administration when it suspected that it was about to exert too much pressure on Mr. Netanyahu, (In fact, it was not at all clear that that was about to happen.) Many eyebrows in the Jewish community were raised by those who wondered about the motives of an organization headed by a former professional Republican partisan, who is backed up by a number of the group's most influential lay leaders who are also rock-ribbed GOP loyalists. There were many rumblings that the real objective was to embarrass the Democratic White House by fomenting partisan friction with

AIPAC has just urged the United: States Supreme Court - in a case which could dramatically affect the way it does business - to rule that it is a true membership organization. The thousands of members upon AIPAC is relying to avoid a legal disaster have every right to expect that the very real threats hy Livingston and Callahan are thoroughly and publicly refuted, with at least the same vigor it had used to challenge the administration over what was little more than rumored

Credibility can be earned only through principled consistency.

The writer, a lawyer, is the former Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Blame victim

LARRY DERFNER

t's ironic, but not surprising. In the reheated dispute between the Left and Right over who is the real inciter, an event that happened only a week ago has been forgotten: The Jerusalem office of a certain political movement was torched. Before the arson, the organization received many death

Which sort of organization was it? One belonging to the Right? No, it was one belonging to the Left - Dor Shalom, led by Yitzhak Rabin's son, Yuval.

That this event could be so quickly passed over when it is so obviously relevant to the issue of the day, and such an obvious, not to mention timely, echo of the Rabin assassination, only shows bow matter-of-fact violence against the Left has become in this

What would the reaction have been if a right-wing group had been threatened repeatedly and had its office burned? No one can say, because it doesn't happen except to the home of Yigal Amir's family, which is the radical exception that proves the rule. Otherwise, Jew-against-Jew violence in Israel is a one-way street, going from Right to Left. It's been like this for decades. The Rabin assassination was the worst incident, but was bracketed by continual, if lesser, crimes before and after. One crime, actually, was just .

The Right often points to the peace demonstrators' chants of "murderer" against Menachem Begin and Ariel Sharon during the Lebanon War. True, leftists also say miserable things. But who got killed in the end? A right-winger? No. Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig.

The commonness and exclusivity of right-wing violence against the Left should give some hint of where the incitement lies, where

The more the Left is victimized, the more it is hated and - - blamed for

incitement and sowing divisiveness

the danger is, and who above all should be watching their mouths. It also raises the question: Why? Why are rightiers always the victimizers and leftists always the victims?

Because only the Right has a mob in its ranks. There's nothing all that unusual about it. Nationalist movements the world over, especially those with a strong religious side like the Israeh Right, tend to attract an element of people with a penchant for committing violence against those who disagree too strongly with

their beliefs. The Israeli Left, hy contrast, is a moderate movement - the moderate movement of the Israeli-Arab conflict. It alone sees right and wrong on both sides. It seeks a compromise between Israeli and Palestinian nationalism. The Left has plenty of flaws, but political violence, which grows out of ideokarical extramism, is foreign to its nature.

Yet as long as it continues to decry the violence on the Right, and to hlame many right-wing leaders, including Binyamin Netanyahu, for playing to the mob. it will continue to attract violence. The cycle goes like this: In Israel's political dispute, goons of the Right dependably attack leftist targets. The Left accuses the Right of harboring these thugs, of throwing raw meat to them, or of playing peekaboo with them, or at the very least of failing to put them down,

The Right gets mad. It accuses the Left of incitement, of slander, of blood libel. The Left accuses back in kind. The atmosphere heats up, and the mob is ready for action. One or more them decide to be heroes, and someone on the Left gets hurt.

Which brings more accusations against the Right, more countercharges against the Left, more mob fury, and more left-wing vic-

The most chilling thing about all this is that the more the Left is victimized, the more it is hated and blamed for incitement and sowing divisiveness.

Yossi Sarid and Shulamii Aloni, who have been assaulted on occasion and threatened with death hundreds of times, may be more despised now than ever. Two years after the Rabin assas-

sination and a week after the arson, I sense that the Israeli public has about had its fill of Dor Shalom. I think Netanyahu and the Right are beginning to emerge on top in the dispute over incitement, and the Left is coming out as the guilty party. It's fronic, but no longer surprising.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist. .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEART OF DEMOCRACY

Sir, - Mark Heller's incisive article "Disappearing common values" (October 31) hit the nail on the head.

One wonders why the Israeli politicians and public at large cannot see that denial of individual rights and freedoms in society and the dictation of policy by a minority group strikes at the very heart of democracy.

How can we expect the US or power. any other Western country to understand us if we don't understand ourselves?

ZELDA HARRIS Netanya.

HUMOROUS AND ENTERTAINING

Sir, - I wanted to say that Sam Orbaum's column "A roll in bed" (October 13) (WHAT! Now he's writing about condoms!), was one of the funniest articles he's written. I often wondered where be gets his ideas for all the columns be has to write. I finally figured it out. He sees (and bears) the same things as everyone else, but be has the talent to put them into humorous and entertaining (and sometimes serious) words.

Jerusalem.

FEAR OF CHANGE

Sir, - In all the discussions by the media concerning the divergent religious groups, there are two words rarely or never mentioned: "power" and "fear." In holding on to a belief system, one is in command, has authority and influence, one has power. If another group challenges this particular belief system, fear may enter into the dispute because a change would weaken those in

Every change in a current belief Haifa.

system promotes fear, fear of the unknown, of what is going to be. Therefore, change is vehemently rejected.

Only a climate of tolerance, of live and let live, of acceptance of the common Jewish fate throughout history and facing the fact that there

Taked antisemitism was at the

exists a modern Israel may help us overcome the present crisis. LILO and GUSTI DREJFUSS

NOISE POLLUTION

Sir. - Whilst there are many positive and wonderful aspects of Israeli society, one must be saddened by the many forms of pollution that are all around us. One form which is particularly intrusive but can be easily eliminated and at almost no cost is noise pollution.

Perhaps the worst cause of noise pollution is the strident and unnecessary use of car horns, prolonged

The solution: enact a law/statute limiting the loudness of car horns and requiring each car owner to adjust the loudness to the prescribed limit. If at the annual safety check, the horn is not correctly adjusted, then the relevant authority performs the adjustment at a very considerable cost to the vehicle owner.

Petah Tikvah.

GAP-FILLER

Sir, - The Conservative and Reforms movements' desperate fight for legitimacy in Israel may be motivated by a perception that their destiny lies not in the Diaspora, where their numbers are ELAINE KALLET threatened by indifference, inter-

marriage and assimilation, but in Israel, where they can present themselves as a gap-filler between the Orthodox and the secular.

MILTON J. KRAMER

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On November 6, 1947, The Palestine Post reported from London that the House of Commons was told that 37 ships carrying "illegal" immigrants to Palestine had been apprehended in the past two years.

At Lake Success the Palestine Implementation Partition Working Committee, consisting of the US, Russia, Canada and Guatemala continued its deliberations, the US and Soviet dele-

to compromise on their differ-

In Jerusalem the Mandatory Government announced that the special benzine tax imposed on July 1 to pay for damage done by explosions at the Haifa oil installations would continue until the sum of 400,000 Palestine pounds was accumulated.

25 years ago: On November 6, 1972. The Jerusalem Post reportgates sitting together and trying ed that the Israeli Cabinet roundly condemned the German decision to succemb to Arab hijackers threats and release the Munich murderers. West German Chancellor Willy Brandt said that while the release of Arab terrorists was "no heroic decision, it

was an unavoidable one." Israel and the US signed a \$32m. desalination agreement providing for the construction of three water-sweetening plants: two in Israel and one in the US. Alexander Zvielli

heart of the Dreyfus scandal a century ago, just as it is today as Maurice Papon is accused of rounding up and dispatching 1,600 Jews to Nazi death camps in his capacity as a senior official in the pro-Nazi Vichy government.

It took ten years to clear the name of Dreyfus, and 16 years for Papon to be brought to trial by a reluctant administration. In both instances the conscience of France was trumpeted by the voices of writers like Zola and his present-day successors in newspapers and books.

The wheels of justice may turn slowly in France, but they do turn. True. Papon's champions are doing all they can to sustain him and prevent him from being sent to prison as he faces the grave crime and disgrace of being only the second Frenchman to stand trial for crimes against humanity.

Henri Amouroux, a member of the elitist French academy, tried hard to defend Papon, who was a big wheel in the Vichy regime as secretarygeneral of the Gironde area. His testimony was discredited when it was revealed that he too backed the collaborationist Vichy puppets. Extreme right-winger Jean-Marie Le Pen wants him released immediately. "His role has become a political myth," says historian Michel

So what is the truth about this 89year-old darling of the embattled establishment?

We have unearthed a document dated July 15, 1942, in which Eichmann's Paris deputy, Rothke, criticized Papon for finding "only" 150 Jews to deport from Bordeaux. Eichmann was displeased. The frantic Papon quickly delivered over 10 times as many, including 250 chil-dren, 120 under 12, to the death transit depot in Paris.

In his defense, Papon admits, "Drancy we knew. Auschwitz we

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

did not know." Oh, mally, Monsieur Papon? We have testimony of how very young children, screaming with fear, were carried by French police into Auschwitz-bound trains. Very few survived.

Is there a single Israeli, Left or Right, religious or secular, who does not lacerate French officialdom for moving heaven and earth for so long

Before Israelis cast a stone at the snail's pace of Justice in France, let us salute the judiciary there

to conceal the sordid and criminal role of the likes of Papon? We doubt

Yet before we climb on our moral high horse and point an accusing finger at France, let us recall some unsavory skeletons of duplicity which bring little credit to the Jewish state.

We speak of documents gathering dust in the archives at Mossad headquarters which, like those in Bordeaux, were marked "top secret." One in particular concerns the cold-blooded slaying in March 1973 in Khartoum of two American diplomats, outgoing Ambassador George Curtis Moore and Cleo Noel Jr., who was to replace him in

Together with a Belgian diplomat, they were among other guests at a Saudi Arabian embassy party who were kidnapped by a unit of Yasser Arafat's terrorists. When the PLO demand to exchange them for Palestinian prisoners was rejected, a

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direct order was issued by Arafat

from Beirut to shoot them. The voice of Arafat issuing the murder command was recorded by the Mossad and immediately passed on to Washington. Now, it is US policy to pursue anyone who killed one of its citizens and to bring them to justice, no longer how long it takes.

One can understand the deep embarrassment of President Clinton when Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres insisted on shaking hands with Arafat on the lawn of the White House at the signing ceremony of the hopelessly flawed Oslo Accords. And the inexplicable granting of the Nobel Peace Prize to a murderer of innocent civilians.

To remedy this shameful distortion of natural justice, Rafi Eitan demanded some three years ago that the Israeli government bring Arafat to trial as a war criminal. As a former top Mossad commander and terrorism adviser to Israeli prime ministers, he knows of other documents stashed away which prove again and again the direct guilt of Arafat in slaying men, women and children in Israel as well as Jews living abroad.

To cite but one example, it was Arafat's direct command that resulted in the deaths of passengers on the coastal road at Herzliya in the winter of 1978, after their bus was hijacked It took a long time for the Bordeaux documents detailing murder most foul to be acted upon. Before Israelis cast a stone at the snail's pace of justice in France, let us salute the judiciary there. For as we witness, the accused eventually

faces his judges. How long will it be before another killer of Jews, Yasser Arafat, is clapped into irons and also made to answer for the deaths of Jewish men, women and children?

The writers are Jerusalem Post columnists.

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Out of the shade and into the light

By Laura Lippman

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ike T.S. Eliol's Madame Sosostris, Doris Lessing has a cold Unlike Madame Sosostris, though, this does not imply her powers are diminished. Far from it. Now 78, she is razor-sharp, ber mind sorting through the questions asked of her like a woman thumping meloos in a grocery store. Some apparently are a bit muchy to ber taste,

Small in stature, Lessing is a towering figure in 20th century letters - the author of a book, The Golden Notebook, that has been known as a classic almost since it appeared 35 years ago. "Generally known as my best novel," she writes in Walking in the Shade (HarperCollins, \$27.50), the just-published second volume of ber memoirs. "Perhaps it is, but I have my own ideas." Does she ever. Lessing's mind virtually teems with ideas, and she has been known to intimidate veteran interviewers. They call her publicist in advance, nervous and deferential, perhaps because they have read in Shade her assessment of another journalist's efforts: "Shallow and superficial." What prompted that criticism?

"Sbe [the reporter] complained my beels were too high. I thought, 'What was this doing in an article?' They were these shoes, do you consider them too high?" The heel is a

stacked one, perhaps two inches. "Well, then," she sniffs. OK, so she dislikes the process of promoting books and even disdains the people who buy books because of the requisite newspaper profiles. Then surely this limited tour of New York, Boston and Chicago must be pure torture for her. Wrong again.

"Some of my best friends are journalists," she demurs. And she is polite in conversation, dryly humorous, even

"Doddis is a good little baba," she says of herself in her first memoir, Under My Skin, about her childhood in Southern

It's a motif repeated in Walking in the Shade, when Lessing remembers dutifully writing a note of gratitude to Somerset Maugham when she won a literary prize named for him. The award helped her out at a time when her finances were pre-

"I got a grudging letter back," she writes, "saying that, first, he had nothing to do with the choosing of the prize winners and, two, he had never read anything I had written. ... This letter from Maugham hurt. It was meant to. But I owed him

"I could have easily entitled this book 'A Roof Over My Head," she muses. The phrase is a constant refrain in Walking the Shade, an account of Lessing's early years in Loudon, from 1949 to 1962.

Instead, she once again turned to popular music for her inspiration. (Under My Skin came from Cole Porter, while Walking in the Shade recasts a line from "The Sunny Side of the Street" - "I used to walk in the shade ...")



Doris Lessing

The book and her memories are divided among her several addresses. And for many of these years, she eschewed the sunny side.

"I did at one point see that I was choosing unhappiness rather than happiness and I decided to stop that," she says. "Walking in the Shade describes the preference for choosing - you know, I had two men, both of whom were extremely damaged men, one by war and one socially." A pause. "Well, I needn't have done that." But this second volume of her memoirs is about so much more than Lessing's romances. There are her longtime ties to the Communist Party, which she came to disavow; the transformation of post-World War Il London; life as a single parent; and, always, her work. For although Lessing is best known for The Golden Notebook, whose publication comes toward the end of Walking in the Shade, she has produced a vast body of work, which includes novels, science fiction, short stories, operas and nonfiction. The statesmanlike length of [ber memoir] is probably jus-

tified by the extraordinary variety of her achievements, her exceptional memory and her facility as a writer," Frank Kermode wrote in The New York Times Book Review. However, he also found "passages where you feel she is just typing on to complete a stint, and perhaps not looking it over later." Shade begins in 1949, when Lessing arrived in London with little more than her son, Peter, and a manuscript, The Grass is Singing. Twice divorced, she had left the two children from her first marriage behind in Africa. Some reviewers were surprised at how little attention she paid to this episode in *Under My Skin*, but she shrugs it off again in Walking in the Shade when she writes about the difficult end of a love affair.

"It seemed to me obvious that I was bound to be unhappy, and any intelligent reader would understand that without ritual beatings of the breast," she writes. "... There is no one who hasn't suffered over love at some time, and so it should be enough to say that being thrown over by this man was bad for me. It was the worst." Conversely, she doesn't dwell on the details of her domestic routine - up at 5 every morning with Peter, a "non-sleeper" - because she says only a single mother can understand what she was going through.

"You know, they didn't even have the word (single mother) then," she says, amused as as always by the vicissimdes of

Literary criticism as practiced by the Communist Party prepared her for political correctness; she once wrote an essay in which she said it didn't seem coincidental that PC thinking came into vogue after communism collapsed. The Golden Notebook is often described as a feminist classic, but Lessing

washed her hands of all "isms" long ago.
"I am mortally afraid of them," she says. "I have lived through 'isms' by the dozens, some of them lethal." She settles now instead for reduced expectations - efficient, noncorrupt governments - which still seem dauntingly high when matched against reality.

Her days in London sound full. Up at 6:30, she exercises and does "all the things I have to do" before she settles in to

In the afternoons, she takes long walks and drops in at neighborhood cafes (the quality of coffee in London is an ongoing preoccupation in *Shade*). Theater remains a passion, and she even has a few television shows of which she approves, despite her assertion that TV is "the toad in the kitchen." And, always, there are books to be read. "Reproachful piles of reading," is how she describes it. As for her own writing, she says the next book will be an old-fashioned adventure.

There will not be, she says emphatically, a third volume of memoirs.

"Impossible," she decrees, having changed names and omitted some unflattering stories from volume two. "I can't write that. Either I have to say, if I write the third, I'm putting nothing personal in there ... or I could write a book just about literary events, but it wouldn't interest me much."

(The Baltimore Sun)

Wit and the supernatural

Thurm. Cambridge, MA., Zoland Books. 262 pp. \$23.95.

By Leslie Cohen

Tictor Mackenzie is a highly skilled professional who loves his work, particularly "the privilege of opening up people's lives, each of them like a novel full of large and small dramas." A psychoanalyst? Close, but not quite. The cynical reader - like several of Victor's clients - may balk, initially, at taking a clairvoyant's troubles seriously. But (again, like several of Victor's clients) s/he will soon suspend disbelief because of the skillful handling of the subject. Marian Thurm writes with the perfect balance of sophisticated New York wit and matter-of-fact acceptance of the supernatural.

Thurm wags the barbed tongue of her humor at everyone and everything. Rabbis, for starters. One of the major characters tells us, "I don't mean to sound arrogant, but I seem to be the rabbi of choice for people who're turned off by rabbis." Sure be is - such an affable fellow, this guy makes house calls! Even a treif Jew like me raises an eyebrow at this rabbi who eats pepperoni pizza and happily arranges the bar mitzva of a boy with a Jewish father and a Baptist (but not practicing) mother.

Mixed marriages are another foil for Thurm's wry sense of humor. Lucy (the Black mother of the bar

mitzva boy) rebels at the idea of her son's bar mitzva having a theme. She sarcastically counterproposes that the theme be "interracial," with black tablecloths, white napkins and each guest seated next to someone of the opposite color. Scatterbrained Shirley, the pepperoni-pizza-rabbi's ex-wife (what could be better than the rabbi's wife?), embraces the idea wholeheartedly. But she worries that they might not be able to get a "bittersweet chocolate likeness of Martin Luther King Jr.'s profile, filled with white chocolate mousse," for dessert. Afterwards, best friend Katha commiserates with Lucy, asking, "How dumb could she be, thinking you'd hand out chocolate Martin Luther Kings with white chocolate mousse filling? Anyone would know the white chocolate filling is so politically incorrect!" Manipulative mothers are another target for Thurm's black

Victor's long-dead mother sends her son a divine guardian. In floats Murray the ghost (and former owner ant should be.

THE CLAIRVOYANT by Marian of a candy store that Victor used to frequent as a child) to intercede on Mrs. Mackenzie's behalf. Despite the fact that Victor is enjoying a successful career, Morn thinks it's not too late for him to start medical school. When Murray is unable to persuade Victor, he starts nagging his ward to get married and produce grandchildren. The conversations between Victor and Murray are laced with snide remarks. When Murray refuses to desist, Victor tries to shoo him away by insulting him. He tells Murray, "Maybe I do belong in the pysch ward at Bellevue" for taking advice from a ghost "who's been wearing the same pair of pajamas for thirty-three years." Trust Murray to show up in those same pajamas at the

> Poor Victor! Despite his clairvoyance, he can't see where his love life is going. Just like everybody else -"We're all mere mortals," he insists -Victor longs to settle down with Ms. Right. But women are afraid to fall in love with him: they are outraged at the inevitability of being spied upon by his divine guardian spirit, and frightened by the prospect of bearing children who will share his uncomfortable gift. When Lucy's friend Katha falls in love with him, Victor is wary. He finally goes to another clair-

> voyant for advice. The meeting of the clairvoyants is one of the book's humorous high points. Thurm tries to demolish the stereotypes about clairvoyants, while poking fun at the foibles of her psychic characters. Before reading his cards, Lorraine assures Victor that she would be terrified to consult another clairvoyant herself. When she rattles off a list of the important people in Victor's life, she gets stuck on his girlfriend's name. "Katharine, Kathleen, Kathy...damn, what kind of name is this - 1 can't get it," she complains. Victor tells her the name is Katha, to which she simply relpies, "Never heard of it," and continues spouting off predictions - until Victor is so jarred that be begs her to stop.

The inevitable question, when reading a book about a clairvoyant, is: do we take this seriously, or don't we? I didn't change my initial beliefs about clairvoyants, and you probably won't either. But that's not the point. I suggest the reader skip the inquisition and simply enjoy a well-written book. It's an interesting story, peopled by credible characters. Whether or not one accepts the role of the ghosts in their lives is imroaterial. The writing is as lucid as a clairvoy-

Keeping the heart alive

The more the Let THE MIRROR by Lynn Freed. New York, Crown. 219 pp. \$21. victimized, the m

By Heller McAlpin

the tough, feisty narrator of Lynn Freed's novel maintains an unusually objective perspective on herself throughout

Although no stranger to men, she prefers to see herself reflected in mirrors rather than through the eyes of her sometimes admiring, sometimes dominating, lovers. The Mirror is an invitingly simple narrative by an author who has written two previous novels. The Bungalow and Home Ground, also set in her native South Africa.

It is prettily packaged as a metaoir with bordered pages and old sepia photographs and covers the life of Agnes La Grange from the time she leaves London's East End as a beautiful 17-year-old in 1920. She heads to Durban, South Africa, where she hopes to make something of herself on ber own uncon-

Agnes is a defiantly independent woman at a time when the principal route for betterment open to women - marriage - didn't allow for independence. She has a hearty appetite for sex, though she is loath to use eyen this weapon in a woman's arsenal for gain. Agnes La Grange is self-made right down to her name: "La" is from a poster she once saw advertising 'La Boheme," and "Grange" is from her lowly birthplace. She comes to South Africa to serve as househer typical confrontational manner. only as "the Old Jew." Living with him are his 12-year-old daughter, Sarah, and his dying wife. But Agnes has higher aspirations. As she sharply puts it, "I hadn't come all this way to empty potties." The old man seduces her in short order by playing into her narcissistic sexuality in front of the full-length mirror be sends up to her room. He seems to intuit that Agnes is most comfortable when she can consider her life from a remove. It's as if

gives her the distance necessary to maintain ber self-perspective. When she becomes pregnant, be installs her in the Railway Hotel, which she manages to buy by getting the old man: to "pay up ... his

use" of her all at once. And there she is, gainfully employed, her own keeper, with no man to "bend" ber to his will, when along comes the baby, a dark, birdlike creature who takes after her father. "I might bave keeper to a man she refers to, in 'known I would not be a natural mother," Agnes comments unsentimentally. "The whole thing felt like another form of service." She reluctantly accepts the parenting assistance and eventually the hand of the doting newspaperman who occupies the room next to hers at the botel. She gives the child the name he suggests, Allegra, along with Leah, the name "the old Jew" pronounces on his only visit to the baby. Agnes knows this was his deceased wife's name, but she claps it on her daughter despite her

the ability to watch her own reflec- misgivings. There was no love lost tion in her work - running a suction as she interacts with her suitor between her and her dying mis-

> It is no surprise that Agnes is a cold and impatient mother, but what is surprising is her candor in relaying her maternal shortcomings with a minimum of compancnon. Her story tracks the consequences of her coldness for her musically gifted and emotionally stunted daughter, who comes to repeat her mother's history to an alarming degree. When Leah bears her own daughter out of wedlock with her half-sister Sarah's busband, she abandons the child to her mother in order to pursue her vocal career in England. Agnes discovers a new, deep kind of love with this granddaughter, Bess, before Bess, too, sets off to make her way in the world.

But the deepest fulfillment in Agnes's life is neither from this relationship nor the numerous liaisons she forms with men who are referred to only by their professions - the hunter, the banker. Agnes finds her greatest satisfaccession of botels through the depths of the Depression and the boom years of war, building a fortune by dint of concentrated labor

and thrifty living.

The Mirror is as much a pacan to the importance of work and independence as it is a social commentary on women's restricted options. "And what did I want indeed but to be mastered myself and yet mistress of myself at the same time?" Agnes asks when considering the rub between her desire for excitement, adventure and love and her unwillingness to trade her independence for security like most WOITICE. She concludes somewhat bleak-

ly, "It was hopeless." The author strings the reader along by starting sentence after sentence with the word "And," and the result is prose that is incantatory in its simplicity. Freed has written an undernanding yet subtle little feminist book about the extraordinary demands of keeping "the beart alive."

The New York Times

BESTSELLERS

STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

1. The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy. Flamingo.

Mistress of Spices by Chitra B. Divakaruni.

Black Swan.

Critical Judgment by Michael Palmer. Bantam.

4. Thirteenth Hour by Barbara Soler. Signet.

Secrecy by Belva Plain. Dell, Coronet.

Lashner. Harper. 7. Secret Affair by Barbara Bradford Taylor. Harper Collins, Harper Paperbacks.

8. Sabre by James Follett.

Angel's Ashes by Frank McCourt. Pocket.

10. Ramses: Son of Light by Christian Jacq. Warner.

BOOK BYTES

'ndia's 50th year of indepen- the Wall Street Journal, and the dence from British rule has Loccasioned a slew of books. Snakes and Ladders: Glimpses of Modern India (Doubleday/Talese), a collection of essays by Gita Mebta, has been doing well. Mehta, author of seven fiction and non-fiction books, said about this work: "India is a place where worlds are colliding with huge velocity: we're putting satellites into space, and we have bullock carts.... I thought the only way I could describe that collision was anecdotally, by taking snapshots, as it were." Mehta, whose name Gita means "as in a song of freedom," was born in Delhi in 1943. Three weeks later the English arrested her father. At the age of three, Mehta was placed in a boarding school, because "my mother was racing around to get my father out of jail." Her novel Raj, tracing the 50 years prior to Indian independence, brought her notoriety in 1989, although she published her first book in 1979. She now lives in Manhattan with her publishing executive husband Sonny Mehta, but all her books are rooted in India. Mehta declares, "You stand on geography as a writer. My heart is in India - it's bome - so when I'm there I don't write, I just let it all seep in through my pores."

YOU'RE NEVER too old to write a block-busting bestseller, or earn a million dollars. A 98-year-old grandmother from Manhattan, Kansas, wrote her memoirs in an adult education class taught by a farmer and teacher, Charley Kempthome. Any Given Day: The Life and Times of Jessie Lee Brown Foveaux is the diary of a woman's life and struggles while married to an abusive alcoholic with whom she had eight children. Kempthome submitted an article on Fovcaux to

paper ran the story as a front-page feature last March. The publicity released a flood of inquiries from publishers, agents, and TV and movie producers, though none bad read a word of the manuscript. The Journal ran a second Page One story on the clamor to purchase the

The property was auctioned off, and Warner Books "won" with a payout of \$1.1 million. Not bad for a first-time author two years shy of her 100th birthday.

TOP WRITERS earn big bucks, but they also give freely to good causes. Names like Sidney Sheldon, John Grisham, Michael Crichton, Mary Higgins Clark and Barbara Taylor Bradford, for instance, were among the first to donate \$10,000 each to Literacy Partners, Inc. The money went to the new Writers for Readers Learning Center in New York. Each \$10,000 collected underwrites the cost of teaching reading and writing skills to one illiterate adult per year.

FANTASY IS fiction's unrecognized genre, that is as far as the critics are concerned. For the readers, it's a different story. Fantasy writers like David Gemmell sell well (as do Terry Praichett, and that alltime favorite, J.R.R. Tolkien). Gemmell's latest entry, Winter Warriors (Bantam), gave rise to a rare interview for a fantasy author

in The Bookseller. Gemmell sees stories of tall heroes with long swords as inspiring heroism. He cites one of his readers who, while walking his dog, saved a woman from a violent attack. The reader's letter explained that his swift action was directly influenced by the Gemmell fantasy book he was reading at the time. David Brauner

HARDCOVER Fiction

1. Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home to meet an old

2. Violin by Ann Rice (Knopl \$25,95.) From 19th-century Vienna to present-day New Orleans: a demonic fiddler preys upon a woman who loves his music.

Robert Ludium. (Bantam \$27.50.) A CIA officer struggles to thwart the return of an international

4. Flood Tide by Clive Cussler. (Simon & Schuster \$26.) Dirk Pitt pursues a Chinese smuggler. 5. The Angel of Darkness by

Caleb Carr. (Random House \$25.95.) Dr. Kreizler goes after a kidnapper in 1897 Manhattan.

Arundhati Roy. (Random House \$23.) Booker prize-winner. Underworld by Don DeLillo.

(Scribner \$27.50.) American life as lived during the past 50 years. 8. The Best Laid Plans by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow \$25.)

The relationship between a power-

hungry governor and a woman

determined to wreak revenge. 9. 10 Lb. Penalty by Dick Francis. (Putnam \$24.95.) A politician's career is imperiled by actions taken by his enemies against his son, a onetime amateur jockey.

10. The Letter by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster \$15.95.) In the last volume of the "Christmas Box" trilogy, the Parkin family recovers from its grief over the loss of a daughter.

HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. Diana: Her True Story - In Her Own Words by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster \$22.95.) An updated, expanded version of the 1992 bestseller.

2. The Royals by Kitty Kelley. (Warner \$27.) Gossip about the House of Windsor. 3. Angela's Ashes by Frank

McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick. 4. The Man Who Listens to

Horses by Monty Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a horse trainer. 5. Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man

in Savannah, Ga. 6. Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996.

visits to his old college mentor.

(Putnam \$19.95.) Questions of

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the deadliest season in history. 7. Diana: A Tribute to the People's Princess by Peter Donnelly (Courage Books/Running Press \$12.98.) The life of the

Princess of Wales. 8. Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Alborn. (Doubleday S19.95.) A sportswriter tells of his weekly

9. Wait Till Next Year by Ooris Kearns Goodwin. (Simon & Schuster \$25.) Recollections of a '50s girlhood in the orbit of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

 Conversations with God: Book 1 by Neale Donald Walsch. 10. Abuse of Power by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg. (Signet \$6.99.) A police officer is framed for a shooting after she exposes rogue

PAPERBACK PAPERBACK Fiction Non-fiction

1. Altrirame by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine \$7.99.) A young woman probes a plane's near disaster on its way from Hong Kong to Denver.

2. Jack & Jill by James Patterson. (Warner Vision S7.50.) Alex Cross on the trail of serial killers in

My Gal Sunday by Mary Higgings Clark. (Pocket \$6.99.) An ex-president and his wife investigate

4. The Clinic by Jonathan

4. The Carrier by Johnsman Kellerman. (Bantam \$6.99.) Alex Delaware investigates the murder of a woman who wrote a bestselling 5. The MacGregor Brides by Nora

Roberts. (Silhouatte \$6.99.) A patriarch finds three young men to marry his granddaughters. 6. A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines. (Vintage \$12.) In 1948, a bond is forged between two black men - one a teacher, the

Kiss the Girls by James Patterson. (Warner \$6.99.) Police detective Alex Cross pursues a senal killer and his niece's kidnapper.

other on death row for murder,

8. Blood and Honor by W.E.R. Griffin. (Jove \$7.50.) In Buenos Aires in 1943, three Americans cope with German efforts to provide for a postwer Reich.

9. This Year It Will Be Different by Maeve Binchy (Dell \$6,99.) Fifteen stories about contemporary families at Christmastime.

> 10. Reviving Ophelia by Mary Pipher. (Baffantine \$12.50.) The everyday dangers that beset teenage girls.

1. Diana: Her True Story by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The first 30 years of the Princess of Wales.

2. The Color of Water by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls growing up with his white mother in

3. Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes. (Broadway \$13.) A celebration of the Italian countryside by a poet. 4. Hanson by Jill Matthews. (Archway/Pocket \$3.99.) The

story of the pop-rock group. 5. Undaunted Courage by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/S&S \$16.) The

story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark. 6. Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer. (Tarcher/Putnam \$13.95.) An Austrian mountaineer recounts his

7. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday \$12.95.) A young man's obsession with the wilderness ends tragically in Alaska.

adventures in the 1940s.

8. A Civil Action by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Householders sue industrial pollutars.

9. Diana: Her New Life by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) Tha caraer of the Princess of Wales following the end of her marriaga.

PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff ...
 and it's All Small Stuff by Richard
 Carlson, (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to
 enjoy life much more and contribute
 to the world we live in.

 Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul compiled by Jack Carrileld, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger, (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration. 3. Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$6.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.

4. Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Read Hawthorne, and Marci Shimoff. (Health Communications \$12.95.) inspiration.

HARDCOVER Miscellaneous

1. Don't Worry, Make Money by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$15.95.) Ways to achieve a more enjoyable and profitable life.

2. Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.

3. Simple Abundance by Sarah Ban Breathnach. (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they

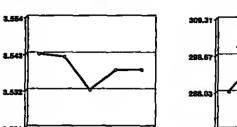
4. Make the Connection by Sob Greene and Oprah Winfrey. (Hyperion \$18.95.) Ways to improve one's life mentally and

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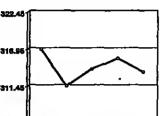
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Israel to host Int'l electronics conference

Israel will host the third international electronic industry organizations' annual conference next week - becoming the first country outside the US to stage the event. Delegates from 17 countries

The industry is estimated to be worth an annual \$1,000 billion

Motor vehicle insurance system faces overhaul

Insurance Supervisor Doron Shorer said this week he was examining ways to establish a central registry for information about motor vehicle insurance.

It is the first step of a plan for widespread reform of the motor insurance industry.

PA, Israeli flowers to be exported separately

Flowers exported from Palestinian self-rule areas will be sold separately from those exported by Israel, the Flower Marketing Board's senior officer, Ys'akov Siton, has decided.

The decision, going into effect this month with the start of the export season, follows losses of NIS 5 million sustained by Israeli producers because of former customs arrangements with the Palestinian Authority.

C&W mulls future of Bezeq stake

UK telecom giant cites government footdragging as obstacle to more activity

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and DAVID HARRIS

If the government continues to put off Cable & Wireless' request to double its holding in Bezeq from 10 percent to 20%, the British telecommunications giant may consider selling its holding, a C&W representative said yesterday.

"Getting rid of a holding is always an option," said Azriel Nevo, who serves as C&W's representative on Bezeq's board of

When C&W approached the

government in 1995, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin made it clear that political red tape would not hinder the company's investment strategy, Nevo said. However, during the last year, the government has obstructed C&W's plans.

"When C&W first came to Israel and said it was interested in a 20% stake in Bezeq, the government said, 'Why 20%? Why not 40% or 60%. The company look this as a green light to invest in Israel, said Nevo. "For a year now, they've been telling us to be a

Earlier media reports stating that the Government Companies Authority, the body in charge of selling state assets, had decided to sell an additional 3%-5% of Bezeq to C&W were unfounded, Nevo

According to British tax law, C&W will be in a more favorable position if it doubles its boldiog in

"C&W would be happy to buy more shares in Bezeg from Merrill Lynch [which has a 12.4% stake in the company) or on the stock market, but they need the governoow we are stuck."

Moshe Leon, the prime minister's adviser on privatization, declined to discuss the issue, saying negotiations with C&W are at advanced stage. Government Companies Authority and the Communications Ministry also declined to comment.

Sources say concern about companies falling into foreign hands is the main reason the government has oot yet approveo C&W's

The government is scheduled to

issue 10% of Bezeq shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange later this month, reducing its holding in the company to 53%.

Meanwhile, Bezeq's board of directors is scheduled to meet today to discuss allegations that Telrad Telecommunication and Electronic Industries and Tadiran Telecommuoicatioos, both subsidiaries of Koor Industries, colluded to fix prices and cooperate in Bezeg bids.

Nevo said the company will consider all its options, including suing the entities involved.

Study: Israel venture capital 2nd in world

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Israel received more venture capital financing than any other country other than the United States for the second consecutive quarter, UKaccounting firm Coopers & Lybrand reported yesterday.

Ronald Maheu, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand's global high technology practice, said Israel offers "a marvelous entrepreneurial. risk-taking attitude. Israeli entrepreneurs exhibit strong intellect and a drive to solve unique problems."

The Third Quarter Money Tree Venture Capital Report released by the accounting and consulting firm yesterday reported that Israel attracted more venture-backed financing than any other foreign country, outpacing Great Britain, the number two country.

Israel had 11 technology deals as compared to Britain's four, Israel's deals garnered \$28,3 million in the second quarter and an additional \$28.1 m. for the third quarter.

Israel has the highest per capita concentration of scientists and engineers in the world and is regarded as a hotbed of innovation with 2,000 high-tecb companies.

Only six years ago, the country had but one venture capital fund, as against more than 50 now, with assets estimated at close to \$2 billion. The report said these funds stract a prestigious list of investors including, AT&T's pension fund, Chase Capital, Hancock Ventures and the MIT Endowment Fund.

The influx of investment and the growth of Israel's high tech industry have been a boon to exports. According to recent figures, high tech exports are expected to total \$9b., up from \$7b. last year.

Lockheed chief: Mergers vital for Israeli defense firms

The chairman of Lockheed Martin said yesterday consolidation and privatization are important for the future of Israel's defense firms.

Norman Augustice spoke to leaders of defeose companies in Tel Aviv at the invitation of Moshe Peled, a Defeose Ministry soviser on military industries.

"In the case of the US defense industry, consolidating and merging was terribly important. The only alternative was for everybody to be very inefficient and for everybody to kind of gradually die

off," Augustine said.
"So, I tend to think... that consolidation and merging is an important part of wbatever might be the future of Israel's defense industries. I also think that privatization is an important part. That's a personal opinion," he said in

response to a question.

Augustine said building "linkages with companies outside Israel" is also crucial for the future of Israeli firms.

Peled heads a defense ministry team studying the future of Israeli military manufacturers. Ha aretz said last month the committee is recommending privatization of three government-owned defense firms - Israel Aircraft Industries, TAAS - Israel Industries, and Rafael (the Armaments Development Authority) - and their consolidation with private

sector Elbit Systems and Tadiran. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has vowed to privatize most government companies, but defense firms are expected to be among the last, because of security considerations and powerful labor unions.

IAI, TAAS, and Rafael develop and manufacture military parts and systems for Israel and foreign markets. Tadiran, a subsidiary of Koor Industries Ltd., and Elbit are publicly traded electronics companies with civilian and military products.

TAAS and IAI are expected to show profits this year after years of heavy losses.



Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky is handed a cup of coffee by a robot which prepared the brew for him at the Epsilor high-tech factory in Dimona's Temed Industrial Park. Sharansky visited the area amid negotiations with the Treasury and Interior Ministry over ways to reduce property taxes charged to industrial concerns,

Test flights at joint Akaba airport start tomorrow

Boeing takes to the skies to land El Al deal

By DAVID HARRIS

An El AL flight from Vienna will be the first plane to land tomorrow at the joint Israeli-Jordanian airport at Akaba, the Transport Ministry confirmed yesterday.

The four-mooth trial use of the field was to have commenced yesterday, but the ministry had failed to check that El Al had no flight scheduled until tomorrow.

A joiot Israeli-Jordanian security

As the deadline draws near for

El Al to choose between Boeing

or Airbus for its new fleet of

medium and short range aircraft,

Boeing yesterday pulled out all

the stops in an effort to win the

El Al plans to purchase five

planes for an estimated \$200 mil-

lion, and was expected to decide

on a supplier by the end of

Yesterday Boeing took a group

of journalists, travel agents and

favored El Al passengers for a test flight of its new 737-800, which

the airline is contemplating as a

vehicle to take passengers to its

most distant European destins-

tions of London, Madrid or

December.

they arrive at Shalom Airport. The passengers will theo be bused from the airport to a terminal in Eilat, where regular eotry procedures will take place.

Initially, the first Israeli flights will be direct Arkia and El Al services from Europe, starting with four flights a week. If the trials prove successful the airport will open to international flights serving both countries.

We're interested in seeing how convenient the airport is and the force will check passengers as reaction of passeogers," said El Al

El Al spokesman Nachman

Klieman said that Boeing has rec-

ommended accommodating 162

for business class passeogers,

The aircraft is expected to pro-

vide a lot of leg room and food

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the largest of stomachs, even in

Indirect ceiling lights also convey a feeling of roominess. An

optional bandrail on the overheard

passengers on the aircraft.

But El Al has

asked for a seating

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150, to offer more

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Klieman said.

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spokesman Nachman Kleiman. Following the arrival of the flight from Vienna, the first departures will be to Leningrad and Frankfurt. Some outbound flights will originate at Beo-Gurion Airport and collect passengers in

There are still legal problems to be resolved, according to Transport Ministry Director-General Nahoum Langental. Both sides believe they can be resolved within the next few weeks. Charter flights to the Uvda air-

compartment appears tailor-made for El Al, whose passengers are

known to move around the plane

business class. The seats them-

selves literally expand and con-tract at the flick of a lever.

Speaking st a press conference

following the demonstration

flight, Nancy Bethel, executive

vice president of the Boeing com-

mercial airplane group, said the

company had made a "very

aggressive business offer" to El

The aircraft also

features seats

which can be

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five abreast for

as soon as it is airbome.

and for the time being some El Al flights to Europe will also depart from Uvda, because the Akaba runway cannot handle larger air-The Koesset Economics Committee, meanwhile, yesterday

field are to continue unaffected

discussed a bill to pave the way for the permanent operation of the airport. Having already passed its first reading, the committee is expected to approve the bill wheo it next discusses the issue on

She also coted that the US man-

ufacturer was trading on a long-

standing relationship between the

two companies.
Highlighting that relationship

was Brieo Wygle, a pilot who had

voluoteered for the IDF air corps

in 1948 and remained with the

fledgling air force until 1949.

Wygle later become a test pilot for

Boeing, theo its chief test pilot and

finally a vice president.

Wygle said that he was very

happy that Boeing had called him

out of retirement to join the pre-

Levy, who arrived after the flight

to meet Boeing officials, said that

the US had not exerted any politi-

cal pressure on Israel to choose the

Klieman said that Airbus would

present an aircraft to compete

with Boeing's bid on November

Meanwhile El Al has opened a

telephone line to give passengers

an opportunity to have a say about

which aircraft sbould be pur-

chased. The number is 03-6388886.

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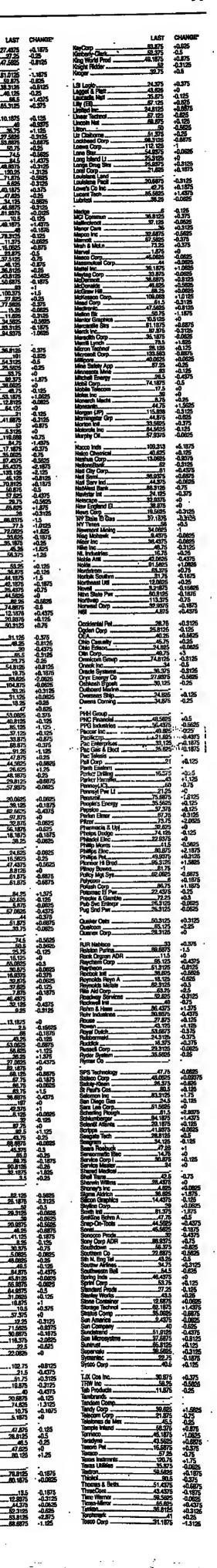
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TASE up on good 3rd-quarter reports

Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv stock indexes rose yesterday as investors eyed positive company earnings reports and trading on Wall Street, including tracking a rebound in Standard & Poor's 500 Index December futures.

Nice Systems Ltd., a digital voice-recording and archiving systems producer, jumped 7.9 per-cent after it said third-quarter net income, excluding a one-time charge, more than doubled as sales rose 83 percent.

Formula Systems Ltd., a software house, rose 1.45 percent after its subsidiary Crystal Systems reported better-than-expected third-quarter earnings. Earnings reports and optimism inflation will remain in check lifted stock indexes in Europe. ·

"You need to look at the S&P futures to see why Israeli stocks are rising," said Asher Sela, a portfolio manager at Etgar Ltd., a Tel Aviv firm.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks rose 0.08 percent to 296.42. The Mishtanim Index rose 0.35 percent to 289.45. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index rose 1.05 percent to 100.91. The general bond index was unchanged.

Israeli stock indexes were mixed in early trading as "investors are getting cold feet after what happened in world markets during the past two weeks," said Dror Kraus, a broker with Tel Aviv firm Koor Investment House. "At the same time, company reports are likely

to be good. Bezeq fell for a second day after the government released a report detailing ways to increase telecommunications competition, particularly in the local phone market, in which Bezeq now has a monopoly. Bezeg's shares dropped 0.75 percent.

Europe

UK stocks fell, reversing early gains, on an earnings estimate downgrade at Marks & Spencer Plc and concern the recent rally has made stocks expensive compared with their earnings

We would just tend to hold off [from more purchases] for the moment," said Logic Cassells, an investment manager at Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management Ltd., which has 3 billion pounds (\$5 billion) in UK equities. "November will be a real test of



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All the same, "there are still some interesting stocks in the FTSE 250 [index]," which includes many smaller companies, Cassells said.

The benchmark FTSE 100 Index fell 26.4 points, or 0.54 percent, to 4872.0, while the broader FT-SE 250 Index gained 4.5 points, or 0.10 percent to 4679.3. The FT-SE 100 had risen to 4947.6 earlier in the day, 4 percent above its close on Tuesday of last week.

Marks & Spencer fell 22.5 at 577.5 after Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Discover analyst Julie Ramshaw cut her fiscal 1998 earnings estimate for the cloths retailer

by 3.5 percent to 1.18 billion: pounds. Ramshaw reiterated her

neutral" rating on the stock. By contrast, Barclays Plc leaped 31p to 1531 after the UK's third largest bank said it may sell its European equities and mergers business to Credit Suisse First

Asia

Japanese stocks fell, led by Denso Corp. on concern the autoparts maker's worse-than-expected earnings are a harbinger of poor results to come.

Denso, part of the Toyota Motor Corp. group, said its half- year pretax profit fell 20 percent to 37 billion yen (\$306 million). Results were released after Tuesday's market close.

"If Denso - which was thought to have such a solid earnings base - cut profits, then the earnings scenario for auto and parts makers is grim," said Hajime Yagi, deputy general manager at Kleinwort Benson Investment Management KK, which handles I trillion yen in securities.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell 52.05 points, or 0.32 percent, to 16,448.05, its first drop in three days.

The broader Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokýo Stock Exchange fell 8.33 points, or 0.65 percent, to 1274.63.

Japan's domestic auto sales fell 13 percent in October from a year earlier, the seventh straight monthly drop following the government's increase in the national sales tax in April, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers

Association said Tuesday. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Stocks edged higher in another calm session yesterday, but the Dow Jones industrial average faltered just as it was completing a rapid recovery from last week's bruising tumble.

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The Dow bounced back from an early 25-point deficit and rose as much as 76 points, but retreated over the final hour to finish just 3.44 points higher at 7,692.57.

The blue-chip barometer is now just 23 points shy of where it was before last Monday's seemingly traumatic 554-point plunge, but is still more than 300 points shy of where the it stood before the financial turinoil in Southeast Asia boiled over two weeks ago.

Dollar up on sign of weakness in Japan, Germany

CURRENCIES

The dollar rose amid signs of refrain from raising rates anytime continued economic weakness in Germany and Japan, which drove investors to US assets.

After Bank of Japan Gov. Yasuo Matsushita said Japan's economy isn't enjoying sustainable growth and that the bank won't raise interest rates until it does, "everybody is as bearish on the yen as they can be," said Richard Koss, investment strategist at MFR Inc., a money management and consult-

In Germany, the government reported unemployment rose to a record high in October and industrial production fell 1.6 percent in September. "It definitely looks like we're not getting any particularly strong recovery in Germany

Traders expect both the Bank of Japan and the Bundesbank to

soon. The higher rates in the US lure investors to bank deposits and bonds denominated in dollars.

The dollar rose to 122.63 yen from 121.82 yen late Tuesday in New York and to 1.7240 marks from 1.7205 marks. The dollar's gain versus the mark was limited by concern about Southeast Asia's economic and stock market turmoil. The mark is seen as a safe baven from Asia's difficulties because its economic ties with the region are weaker than those of the US.

Japan's persistent economic woes - the economy shrank 2.9% in the second quarter - has led traders to conclude that "Japan is more willing to see the yen weaken," said Chris Iggo, currency strategist at Barclays Bank. A falling yen helps the Japanese

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Sterling 5.9371 ¥ 0.28% economy by making exports cheaper in foreign currency terms. Exports have been the economy's sole source of strength in recent

"More and more you get the idea that they will rely on a weak yen to get themselves off the ground," MFR's Koss said. And there is a

growing sense the Clinton administration will acquiesce to that strategy, he said. Earlier in the year, administra-

tion officials were vociferous in telling Japan to spur recovery with domestic-led growth rather than exports. They would also like Japan to increase government spending and cut taxes, Koss said. However, with Japanese officials having expressed worries about the country's budget deficit - the second highest in the Group. of Seven nations as a percentage of economic output - US officials realize Japan is unlikely to introduce much fiscal stimulus, Koss

said. "So you won't get much resistance to the dollar going above 125 yen," he said, adding that the dollar may reach that level within two weeks.

In Germany, the record 11.8%

unemployment rate and drop in industrial output shows "there's. nothing encouraging there," said Roger Chapin, manager of foreign exchange at Bank One in Columbus, Ohio. "It's strictly exports leading the economy, and that isn't enough to pull every-thing up with it."

Still, the dollar is unlikely to rise much against the mark, Chapin and others said. "People are still suspicious after last week's stock blowout" in the US, Chapin said. With recent declines in stock and bond markets throughout the world, "people aren't looking for

an interest rate hike here" in the US, Chapin said. Barclays' Iggo predicted the dollar will trade in a range of 1.7150-1.7425 marks during the next two

(Bloomberg)

Oil little changed as traders await UN-Iraq

Precious metals

Precious Metals Gold was steady as jewelers

took advantage of low prices to secure supplies, offsetting concern that more central banks will sell gold. With prices down 15 percent this year, jewelers are stocking up on gold in preparation for the busy boliday-buying season that begins at the end of the year, analysts said. The increased demand offset concern that Switzerland's announcement that it intends to sell a third of its gold reserves will spark selling by central banks in other countries. Spot gold traded 90 cents higher at \$314.85 an

ounce in London.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures were litthe changed to higher as traders await news of talks between the United Nations and Iraq, over Iraq's proposed removal of US nationals on the UN weapons inspection team stationed in the country. If Iraq expels the US members of Unscom, the group charged with ridding the country of its weapons of mass destruction, it could prompt the UN to halt Iraq's limited oils sale at the



Gold \$313.65 ¥0.3% Crude Oil \$19.63 A 0.02% CRB 241.78 A 0.17%

December 5 renewal date, cutting global supplies by about 1%. Prices could decline because the American Petroleum Institute reported a build in US crude sup-

traders expected, however traders will likely shun this because of uncertainty over Iraqi supplies. On London's International Petroleum Exchange, December Brent futures edged 7 cents higher to \$19.68 a barrel.

Others

Robusta coffee rose for a third day as a week of rain in Vietnam delayed the harvest of this year's coffee crop. Rain makes it difficult for coffee growers to dry beans before they are shipped.

The new 10-year note yielded

5.94% in so-called when- issued

trading, which occurs before the

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basis points higher than the cur-

rent 10-year note traded on Friday.

Wall Street firms that bid on

Treasury securities and later resell

them typically drive yields higher

before an auction to drum up

Bonds may also take their cue

from stocks, traders said, as they

have in recent weeks when Asian

plies, three times larger than most Last year many Vietnamese coffee growers suffered losses as damp beans rotted in what is normally the drying season. Robusta coffee for January delivery rose \$21 to \$1,520 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

Copper was little changed close to its lowest levels for almost a year, amid sagging demand in Asia which may be diverting metal into European stockpiles. Copper inventories held by the London Metal Exchange now total 346,175 metric tons, some 185% higher than the six-month low of 121,550 tons reported June 20. The benchmark three-month forward copper contract on the LME

US bonds rise as ample demand expected in auction

BONDS

US bonds rose for the first time in four days amid speculation the Treasury will meet ample demand for the \$33 billion of new government debt it was selling yesterday and today.

"We'll probably see this firm tone sustained going into the bid-ding" for the \$11 billion of 10-year notes the Treasury is selling, said Dan Seto, an economist at Nikko Securities International.

Yields on benchmark 30-year bonds climbed 8 basis points so far this week, making bonds more attractive to investors after a recent rally drove yields to 20-

The benchmark 30-year bond rose 1/4, or \$2.50 per \$1,000 bond, with its yield 2 basis points lower at 6.23%. The two-year note's yield was I basis point lower at 5.70%.

The auctions are part of a total of \$62 billion of sales this week, including \$14 billion of three-year notes Tuesday and \$10 billion of 30-year bonds that were due yes-

The Treasury will also auction \$12 billion of one-year bills today after selling \$15 billion of threeand six-month securities Monday. US 30 -year T-bill yield

bond market right now, said Bill Kirby, co-head of government trading at Prudential

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The critical issue now is how much all of this affects the US economy," said Scott Grannis, who helps manage \$35 billion in fixed-income securities at Western Asset Management in Pasadena,

Yields barely budged after the government yesterday said orders placed with US factories rose 0.4% in September, a fourth increase. Analysts monthly expected a 0.2% decline.

California.

Some investors suggest bonds may gain tomorrow if the government's monthly employment report shows job growth slowed in

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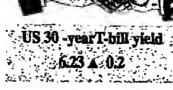
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Villa and move up to fourth in the

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Manchester United but with a

VfB Stuttgart, regarded as

Chelsea's most dangerous rivals

for the title, have little to fear after

flooring Germinal Ekeren 4-0 in

Belgium in the first leg with Fredi Bobic and Jonathan-Akpoborie

"On paper reaching the third

round is a lost cause," said defend-

er Mike Verstraeten, Ekeren's only

Belgian international, who will be

"But they should not lose heart,"

he added of his teammates. "It is

not a practice game and Germinal

should show that they can give the

Ambitious Stuttgart, still without

inspirational Bulgarian midfielder

Krassimir Balakov, nursing a sore

thigh muscle, could only manage a

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home leg, Norwegian lightweights drifting in mid-table. But Saturday's 3-2 home defeat Tromso have little hope of depriving Cup winners' Cup favorites. by Atlenco Madrid showed the Chelsea of a third round appearsoutherners playing their best football of the season, and the "If I'm to be quite honest I think that our chances are very small,"

signs are that things are finally slotting into place under new coach Luis Aragones. Tromso coach Haakan Sandberg said of his side's visit to Stamford AEK Athens will be without Bridge. "We'll get through with a draw but I think it's going to be injured striker Christos Kostis when they play at Austrian side Sturm Graz with a 2-0 lead from Yet Tromso, after their surpris-

the first leg.
"It will be a tragedy if we don't qualify in the next round," AEK's Romanian coach Dumitri Dumitriou said. "We will not play defensively in Austria because believe we have a better team than Sturm Graz and the 2-0 first leg advantage is enough to give us the ticket for the next round."

Linle Nice, who reached the second round by knocking out Scottish side Kilmarnock, face a tougher task against Slavia Prague after a 2-2 draw at home in the

"They're a very good team but at home we managed to make them doubt by never dropping our heads," said Nice goalkeeper Bruno Valencony, hoping the adventure of the club from the French Riviera will continue.

The French second division club will miss several key players through injury starting with German striker Stefan Kohn and experienced defender Olivier

Roda JC Kerkrade should have little problem reaching the last eight after a 2-0 away win over Primorje of Slovenia in the first

But coach Martio Jol has goalkeeping problems.

first choice Jorg Kaessmann sidelined with a groin injury and reserve Nikolaj Damjanac suspended, he will be forced to rely on youngster

Eindhoven got a first-half goal from Luc Nilis 10 beat Newcastle 2-0 yesterday in the Champions League, a loss that all but elimi-nated the English side from any chance of making the quarterfi-

NEWCASTLE (AP) - PSV

The victory kept PSV in second place in Group C bebind Dynamo Kiev with seven points to 10 for

PSV, with just one loss to 17 games, dominated the early play as Newcastle took 20 minutes to get its first shot in a ragged begin-

Belgian international Nilis broke through in the 34th minute to give the Dutch champions a 1-0 lead on a one-two pass from teammate Gilles. De Bilde as Nilis beat Newcastle goalkeeper Shay Given from 12 meters.

minute to make it 2-0.

De Bilde scored in the final

FC Barcelona (Spain) 0 Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 4

Andry Schevchenko scored a hat-trick on two high-flying headers and converted a penalty to humble Spanish giant Barcelona 4-0 in the Champions League.

With this defeat, Barcelona has completely lost any hopes of being in the Champion's League. Dynamo had already beaten

Barcelona 4-0 two weeks ago. Schevchenko gave Dynamo Kiev an early lead just eight minutes into the game and stunned the crowd of 65,000 at Camp Nou Stadium.

The 21-year-old Russian International got his second in the 31st minute as be leaped high and headed in from the penalty mark and a perfect pass from Andry Husio. He got the third on a penalty in the 43th.

Things went worse for the panish team, European Spanish Champion in 1992 and three times a UEFA Cup Champion, when the referee showed the red card to defender Sergi Barjuan for touching the ball with his hand in the

second-half's first minute. Taking advantage of Barcelona's inferiority in play and players, Serhiy Rebrov scored Dynamo's



FANCY FOOTWORK - Feyenoord Rotterdam striker Patricio Graf (left) fights for the ball with Manchester United defender Henning Berg during their match yesterday.

ball from Barcelona's defender Albert Ferrer.

lt's Barcelona's biggest defeat in a Europe Championship since

Galatasaray 2, Sparta Prague 0 Scorer: Tugay Kerimoglu 57, 86.

fourth in the 75th after stealing a Feyenoord I, Manchester United 3

Scorers: Feyenoord - Igor Korneev 86, Manchester United - Andy Cole 30, 43, 73

Newcastle falls, United wins

Group C Barcelona O, Dymanno Kiev 4 Scorers: Andrei Shevchenko 9, 32, 44pen, Sergei Rebrov 77

Newcastle United 0, PSV Eindhoven 2 Scorers: Luc Milis 33, Gilles De Bilde 90

Porto I, Rosenborg Trondheim I Scorers: Porto - Mario Jardel 8, Rosenborg -

Olympiakos O, Real Madrid O

Group E Gothenburg 2, Besiktas I Scorers: Gothenburg - Stefan Pettersson 17pen, Robert Andersson, 23. Besiktas -

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Lierse 0, Monaco I Scorer: Victor Repeba 74

Bayer Leverkusen 4, Sporting Lisbon 1 Scorers: Leverkusen – Emerson 16, 73, Paulo Rink 84, Hartin Frydek 93, Lisbon – Hustapha

Hap. Jerusalem out to change Euro fortunes

boards for tonight's EuroLeague matchup vs. Kinder Bologna (Channel 5, tape delay, 23:30). The game figures to be little more than a learning experience for Birnbaum's club, as they take on one of the loughest teams in Europe in an effort to improve on their own dismal 1-4

EuroLeague mark. Last time the two clobs met, in Jerusalem, Kinder walked off with an easy 81-68 victory, thanks to the outstanding play of point guard Antoine Rigaudeau, a member of the French national squad. Rigaudeau absolutely bedeviled the Jerusalem backcourt, nailing threepointers or streaking down the court as he led the potent Kinder break. Jerusalem hasn't beco the only ones to feel his wrath - Rigaudeau is averaging 15.8 points per game, four assists, and is 10-25 (40 percent) from three-point

Sasha Danilovic also gave Hapoel fits. The former Miami Heat forward showed why he's considered such a fine all-around player with a typical line that night: 15 points, nine rebounds and nine assists. Danilovic is another reason why Kinder is not only atop Group C, but also lead the Italian league. He's averaging 18.8

three-point shooting - just 6-20.

played in the NBA. Despite not being considered an offensive threat, he contributed scoring off the bench, and is averaging 8.3 a game. Wheo veteran starting center Zoran Savic gets

in trouble, Amaechi fills the gap admirably. Alessandron Abbia is the shooting guard for Kinder, and is a red-hot five of six from beyond the arc, meaning the Italians, who are averaging 81.6 points per game, don't lack for fire-

Jerusalem has had more downs than ups in the European wars till now, but can be opnmistic based on Sunday night's road victory in Eilat io Birnbaum's debut. While newly acquired Papi Turgeman is ineligible for European play until the second round, Birnbaum showed he would give Doron Shefa more playing time, which is a wise move. Adi Gordon showed some signs of breaking out of his slump, and Motti Daniel looked like he was back into things vs. Eilat.

Jerusalem's strategy until now has been to get the ball to Radisav Curcic, who is averaging 20 points per game, on almost 75% shooting. However, Curcic is going to have to share the ball more since EuroLeague clubs have fig-

ppg. His only weakness so far has been his ured out he's the first Hapoel option on offeose. Kenny Williams has been steadily New Hapoel Jerusalem coach Effy Bimbaum
A surprise factor in the victory at Malha was improving, but H. Waldman could see his play-hopefully packed a lot of chalk and black- John Amaechi, a British citizen who also ing time diminish in favor of Shefa. As for Daniel, he must improve on his 55.2% shooting percentage, and needs to stay on the court longer than the 26 minutes he's averaged so far. Finding their three-point eyes would certainly help in lonight's contest.

Jerusalem so far is just 27.4% from outside the arc in EuroLeague play, with Gordon the biggest culprit at 7-29. The only way to break a shooting slump is to keep shooting, however, and Gordon's bound to bust out big one night

It's unlikely Hapoel has much of a chance tonight vs. the deeper, just plain better Italian squad. But if they can learn anything from the game that might be useful in righong was has been so far a very negative season, the trip to Bologna may still prove worthwhile,

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Maccabi looks to get back on track against Limoges Frenchmen 78-62 in a game in once that is allowed in December. which Tel Aviv dominated inside

When Maccabi Tel Aviv shocked heavily favored Stefanel Milan last November for its first Euro League win in Italy since 1989, hopes were high that the team was ready to emerge among

But a year and seven consecutive road losses later, Maccabi looks very much like a club which consistently comes up short playing its European opponents on their own court.

The situation was made worse in Maccabi's last EuroLeague game, wben Olympiakos halted Tel Aviv's eight-game home winning streak. That loss, which dropped Maccabi's record to 2-3, sent the Israelis into a very difficult situation if they want to be one of the top three teams to play the bottom three clubs of Group B in the league's second stage.

Tonight, however, Maccabi has perhaps its best chance to get back on track against Limoges in

Maccabi easily handled Limoges in the EuroLeague open-er at Yad Eliahu, defeating the

and bad a suffocating team defense which limited Limoges to only 20 second-half points. Limoges, with a 1-4 record, has not improved much since then. It

brings a 1-2 home mark into the contest and has the worst offensive performance among the 24 Euro League teams with only 64.4 points a game (while allowing 75). Its offense is so paltry that small forward Hugues Occansey is the leading scorer with only 11.2 points a game. Former Israel league forward Nenad Markovic is second at 10.0 a contest.

The club also suffers from a lack of aggressiveness, as it goes to the free-throw line an average of only 17.6 times a game (while making only 62.5 percent of the shots, third worse in the league).

Maccabi, oo the other hand, draws enough fouls to go to the line 24.2 times a contest, connecting on a league-best 81%.

Limoges is so disillusioned with foreign guard Chris Smith (9.8 average) that it has already replaced him in league play and intends to do the same in Europe

One bright spot for Limoges, however, is the return of center Jean Jacques Conceicao, who played in his first European contest this season last game against Real Madrid and scored 12 points, pulled down seven rebounds and had four assists in 35 minutes of play in a losing effort. He has also been instrumental in Limoges's five-game

league winning streak. Maccabi hopes to continue its relative success in France, where it sports a 6-10 all-time championship record - including a 69-62 win last season in Limoges. Maccabi's all-ome record against Limoges is 8-6, including a 4-3 mark in France.

Tonight's contest is scheduled to be broadcast life on Channel 1 starting at 8:15 pm.

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Sri Lanka thrash Pakistan to reach final

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuters) -Sanath Jayasuriya and Aravinda de Silva both blasted centuries against Pakistan to power Sri Lanka into the Goldeo Jubilee tournament final in record-breaking style yes-Opener Jayasuriya struck 134

unbroken third-wicket stand of 213 to sweep Sri Lanka to an eight-wicket win that dumped Pakistan out of the four-team compeotion of day-night games. World Cup champions Sri Lanka, who surged to 281 for two with 10 of their 50 overs to spare

and Aravinda hit 102 in a record,

after dismissing Pakistan for 280. now face South Africa to Saturday's final. The hosts' defeat angered spectators, some of whom threw crackers onto the field, stopping the game

for five minutes. Sri Lanka were given a perfect start of 65 in 71 balls by Jayasuriya and Marvin Atapattu, who made 23 when he was run out by a pinpoint throw from deep mid-wicket by Ijaz Ahmed.

Roshan Mahanama (0) fell to a fine slip catch by Aamir Sohail off Azbar Mahmood at 68 but Pakistan's attack was then flayed during the commanding partnership between Jayasuriya and Aravinda.

Both stroked the ball elegantly in a fine exhibition of batting as they broke Sri Lanka's all-time record one-day stand of 184 against Kenya at Kandy during the 1996

reached his 100, his sixth one-day



LOSING BATTLE - Pakistan's Ijaz Ahmed drives a single on his way to 94.

bright start of 66 in 63 balls.

ljaz's innings contained five

fours and two sixes while Sohail

had five fours in his 82-ball knock.

said heavy dew on the ground

made bowling very difficult.

"Winning the loss was very crucial

and that made things difficult for

us," he added.

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram

international century, from only 86 balls, hitting 10 fours and two sixes, one each off Wagar Younis and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq.

Altogether he faced 114 balls and cracked 13 fours and three sixes, while Aravinda's 10th oneday international ceousty contained 12 fours in his 90-ball

Earlier, Ijaz (94) and Sohail (70) provided the basis of Pakistan's total after they were put in to bat, sharing a stand of 122 for the third

269, 8-278, 9-278, 10-280 SRI LANKA BOWLING

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PAKISTAN BOWLING Result: Sri Lanka won by eight wickets. Han of the Match: Sanath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)

Sri Lanka captain Ariuna Ranatunga praised Jayasuriya and Aravinda and said they made batting look so easy. This win has south Africa 1 1 0 0 4 +023

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Canucks lose 8th straight

LANDOVER, (Reuters) - A new era began for the Vancouver Canucks Tuesday with the same old results.

Hours after president and general manager Pat Quinn was fired after more than a decade of guiding the team, the Canucks suffered their eighth straight loss, a 2-1 defeat to the Washington Capitals. who snapped a six-game wioless Streak.

Calle Johansson and Peter Bondra scored for the Capitals with Adam Oates and Phil Housley assisting on both goals as the Canucks turned in one of their best defensive efforts of the season, only to fall to 3-11-2, the second-worst start in franchise histo-

"When you get a learn like Vancouver that is very desperate and a team like us that is very desperate, you've got to expect a low scoring game," Housley said.

Bondra snapped a tie with 12:17

left in regulation converting a give and go with Oates by beating Kirk McLean with a wrist shot from the edge of the right circle for his seventh goal of the season.

Tuesday's results: Los Angeles 3, New Jersey 0 Washington 2, Vancouver I Toronto O, San Jose O

Muster out of Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) -Thomas Muster became the third seed to bow out of the Stockholm Open when he was beaten 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 by Slovakian Karol Kucera in

the second round yesterday. Tim Henman overcame an erratic serve to beat Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 and earn a quarter-final clash with top seed Patrick Rafter.

Australian Rafter, who has yet 10 drop a set in Stockholm, took just 65 minutes to defeat Belgian Johan Van Herck 6-3, 6-4.

The US Open champion is one of six players already to qualify for next week's ATP Tour world championships in Hanover.

Spain's Carlos Moya yesterday joined Rafter, Pete Sampras, Michael Chang, Jonas Bjorkman and Greg Rusedski in the elite event despite being knocked out of. the Stockholm tournament by Boris Becker on Tuesday.

Two places are still to be decided retired with a right hip injury.

and Henman is in with a chance of qualifying. The defeat of Muster, the fifth seed, by Kucera, winner of the Czech Open last month, means the Austrian has little

chance of traveling to Hanover. "It's not going to be easy, is it?" said Henman, 17th in the world rankings and eighth seed in Stockholm. "But Patrick's mind might be on oext week so maybe l can create some opportunities."

Third-ranked Rafter conceded that his first appearance at the endof-season championship was in his thoughts, but said it would not affect bis play on Friday.

"These days I am thinking a little toward Hanover, but I'd still like to do very well here. I won't be thinking of Hanover when I play Tim." In first round play, Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman pressed Marc-Kevin Goellner throughout a

straight-sets victory which was cut short at 6-4, 5-2 when the German

In these times you cannot AFFORD to be without

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Drexler in check.

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Tuesday's results:

Toronto 104, Golden State 86

New York 102, Boston 70

Cleveland 80, Indiana 77

Milwaukee 110, Orlando 76

Washington 120, Denver 96

Portland 122, Minnesota 105

L.A. Lakers 101, Sacramento 98

Seattle II8, Houston 94

Dallas 92, Vancouver 87

Phoenix 106, Utah 84

Atlanta 82, Detroit 71

the field.

with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

SuperSonics 118, Rockets 94
Gary Payton had 27 points and 12 assists, and the visiting Seattle SuperSonics held Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde

points and Vin Baker 20 for

Charles Barkley led the Rockets

Olajuwon was held to eight

points and four rebounds in 32

minutes, while Drexler finished

Lakers 101, Kings 98

Eddie Jones scored a career-high

Richmond

35 points and Elden Campbell

with nine points in 25 minutes.

with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Knicks ruined the return to Madison Square Garden of their former coach Rick Pitino hy humiliating his Boston Celtics 102-70 on Tuesday.

Patrick Ewing scored 26 points and Chris Mills and John Starks came off the bench to hlow open the game as the Knicks posted their 20th straight victory over the Celtics.

Mills scored 17 and Starks added 14 for New York, which has not lost to Boston since January 10, 1993.

"I remember the days when they had the dominance over us," Ewing said. "It's nice that the tide is turned.

Pitino, who guided the Knicks to the Atlantic Division title in the 1988-89 season before leaving for the University of Kentucky, returned to the pro ranks this season to take over the task of turning around the once proud Celtics.

"I think that we were overmatched from a team that is very experienced at both ends of the floor," Pitino said. "They played a wonderful basketball game. We

certainly did not." Travis Knight had 13 points for

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NEW YORK - The New York Boston, which has suffered consecutive double-digit losses since an opening night upsel of the Chicago Bulls.

Hawks 82, Pistons 71 Steve Smith scored 15 of his 27 points in the decisive third quarter and Alan Henderson had another strong game off the bench as Atlanta remained unbeaten.

The Hawks are 3-0 for the first time since 1990. The Pistons matched their franchise low for points in a game, tying the mark set against the Hawks on January 5, 1988.

A crowd of 13,961 attended the first of Atlanta's 28 games in the Georgia Dome, normally the home of the NFL Falcons hut serving as a part-time basketball venue for the next two seasons while a new downtown arena is being

Henderson finished with 19 points, raising his season average

Raptors 104, Warriors 86

John Wallace scored 17 points and Damon Stoudamire had 16 points and 13 assists as the Toronto Raptors won their home opener,

Toronto forced 25 turnovers

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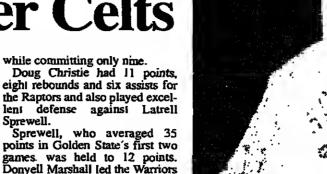
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SPORTS

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Rolen unanimous top NL rookie

NEW YORK (AP) — Scott Rolen of the Philadelphia Phillies was unanimously voted National League Rookie of the Year yesterday, breaking the Los Angeles Dodgers' five-year hold on the

made five straight free throws in the closing minutes as the Los award. Angeles Lakers rallied to defeat The 22-year-old third haseman became the youngest NL player to reach 90 RBIs since Darryl Campbell scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half. Jones Strawberry in 1984, and led NL scored 24 points in the first half. rookies in hatting average (.283), runs (931, hits (159), doubles (35), homers (21) and RBIs (92). when he made 10 of 11 shots from

Los Angeles players had won Sacramento (0-3) with 24 points. the award since 1992, an unprecedented streak established (Reuters, AP) hy Eric Karros, Mike Piazza, Raul Mondesi, Hideo Nomo and Todd Hollandsworth.

> votes this year. Wilton Guerrero, their top candidate, hit .291 with four homers and 32 RBIs. Rolen received all 28 first-place votes and 140 points in balloting

No Dodgers even received

the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Livan Hernandez, the Cuhan defector who went 9-3 with a 3.18 ERA in 17 starts for the Florida Marlins, was tied for second with Matt Morris, who was 12-9 with a 3.19 ERA for the St. Louis Cardinals. Both had 25

Rich Loiselle of the Pittsburgh Pirates was fourth with 22 points, followed hy Andruw Jones of the Atlanta Braves with 15.

Rolen was the Phillies' secondround pick in the June 1993 amateur draft. He became the first Philadelphia rookie to lead the team in homers and RBIs since Greg Luzinski in 1972, and had the most homers and RBIs for a Phillies rookie since Willie Montanez in 1971.

Rolen, who made the minimum \$150,000 last season, earned a \$25,000 bonus for winning the award. He became the became the eighth unanimous NL rookie winner, joining Jackie Robinson (1947), Orlando Cepeda (1958), Willie McCovey (1959), Vince Coleman (1985), Benito Santiago (1987), Píazza (1993) and Mondesi (1994).

Combined Garciaparra's unanimous election as AL Rookie of the Year on Monday, it marked only the third time both rookie winners were unanimous choices. It also happened in 1993 (Piazza and Tim Salmon) and 1987 (Santiago and Mark McGwire).

Rolen is the third Phillies player to win, joining Jack Sanford (1957) and Richie Allen (1964).

Yoting for the 1997 National League Rookie of the Year Award, with first-, second- and thirdplace votes and total points on a 5-3-1 basis:

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Britain to open football museum

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain announced plans yesterday to set up its first football museum.

The museum will be located in the northwest of England at Deepdale Stadium in Lancashire home to Preston North End Football Cluh since 1875 and the oldest ground in the Football

"This is the first national museum in England to celebrate this: country's contribution to the world's most popular game," said the Heritage Lottery Fund, which is helping finance the center. The Heritage Lottery Fund said

it would grant the museum £7.56 million pounds, allowing it to buy, and house the so-called FIFA collection of football memorabilia. The collection contains more

than 1,000 items, including the oldest known soccer board game, dating from 1886, clothes from the 1966 World Cup, as well as boots worn and footballs kicked by the stars of the sport. The oldest piece dates back to the 16th century.

The Heritage Lottery Fund backs a wide array of projects using proceeds from Britain's weekly lottery.

Preston North End - while far removed from the glamour clubs of the late 1990s — was a founding member of the Football. League and has been linked to top. names in soccer from Bobby Charlton to Tom Finney. The museum is due to open in

1999 at a cost of £12 million, part : financed by the private sector. Foothall, injected with fresh cash and a wealth of overseas tal-

ent, is more popular than ever. Last year England bosted the European football championships and the national side has qualified for the World Cup tournament to be held in France next year.

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A heavily muscled, shaven-headed, gutter-talking Demi Moore takes on the most male of preserves, the SEALS - the US Navy's special-forces unit.

The toughest cookie

In G.I. Jane, Demi Moore takes as much physical punishment as any woman ever has on the silver screen

By MICHAEL OLLOVE

Debind some of cinema's most vivid and heroic women characters in recent years is a British director with a gray bristle of beard on his chin and a Cuban cigar in his mouth. launched Sigourney

Weaver's Ripley on the first of her battles against rapacious aliens and later set Thelma and Louise loose on their journey of female rebellion. In G.I. Jane, which in israeli cinemas tomor-ting he's poised to unleash a heav-ity amscled, shaven-headed, gutter-talking Demi Moore on the most male of preserves, the SEALS, the Navy's special-forces

When a retrospective of his films was shown at Washington's Kinnedy Center by the American Film Institute in August, Ridley Scott willingly accepted the characterization of himself as a feminist, "I guess I must be," he said as though be'd never considered the question before. "A lot of men worken. I never have." The achieses who appear in Ridley

Scott films had better be strong. Scott said that Moore put on 25 pounds (about 11 kilos) of muscle to play Navy Lt. Jordan O'Neill, who endures as much physical punishment as any woman ever bas on the screen. In addition to all the heavy lifting, running, and

swimming in the open seas, award-winning. Jordan is beaten up by a training officer, her head slammed into wooden poles and her ribs kicked. But in the end, with her eyes blackened and lips split, Jordan perseveres, a symbol, Scott says, that certain women can perform

any job a man can. In Scott's view, it's not a question of whether women can succeed in a man's arena, it's whether men can handle their success. Ouoting one of the male officers in G.I. Jane, Scott said of Moore's character, "She's not the problem.

In its story line, G.J. Jane is as predictable as a movie can be. Even Scott volunteers that the film is formulaic. But he is not apologetic. "If formulaic is somebody who is unlikely to succeed starting a process and succeeding - then isn't that what most films are about? And art films are about people who aren't likely to succeed and then don't succeed. I know I'm being facetious, but mainstream films tend to have success as an ending, and I guess

we didn't want failure." At times Scott, 59, a mild, rustyhaired man, sounds like someone determined to hue closely to Hollywood orthodoxy. A film student at London's Royal College of Art, he directed episodic television before putting in 10 extremely profitable years as a director of commercials, many of them

In 1977, he directed his first movie, a period piece called The Duellists, starring Harvey Keitel as a Napoleonic officer who through the decades relentlessly insists on fighting Keith Carradine to the death over a long-forgotten slight. The film, which cost only \$900,000 to produce, earned enthusiastic notices and won the Jury Prize at Cannes.

It was a heady beginning, which caused Scott all the more disappointment when he discovered that critical acclaim does not equate with commercial success. After Cannes, be learned that only seven copies of The Duellists were to be circulated in the United States. No one would see his film. He was convinced he was a failure.

He was wrong, of course. Someone had seen his film. Someone important. The reception of The Duellists at Cannes landed Scott the opportunity to film Alien - a science-fiction thriller about a woman commander of a spaceship that was carrying a toothy, serialkilling alien. Scott found himself with a \$8.6 million budget and in short order, he had his first

Hollywood hit. "It was weird," he said. "In two films I experienced the art side and the Hollywood side of filmmaking. In a way there's a danger to understanding the difference because you then go down that route of optimum opportunity for

Hollywood success, which is commerce over art." Alien was one of the pioneering action films to have a heroine at its center, and its claustrophobic look became a model for later space films. His Blade Runner (1982) was even more influential with its bleak, dispiriting vision of a soulless world where technology is supreme. And, of course, Thelma and Louise provided the visceral pleasure of watching women tak-ing their revenge for enduring a

lifetime of Neanderthal males. Scott is pleased by the way he handled sexuality in G.l. Jane. "We avoid sex completely," he said. "It's asexual,"

In one scene, the training officer, played by Viggo Mortensen, walks in on Jordan while she's in the shower. "The natural tendency would be for her to cover herself," said Scott, "but her intuition knew this and led her to decide not to cover up but to perpetuate the idea that she is just like the rest of them."

While Scott may have a high regard for the professionalism of Naval officers, that doesn't mean the US Navy thinks well of his film. The Navy refused its help on the movie and issued a statement distancing itself from G.l. Jane. "[The Department of Defense] did not support the production because the script contained portrayals of military life, people, operations and training that did

not reflect today's military or the fact that individual dignity is primary in the U.S. Navy," the statement said.

Scott believes the Navy was displeased with his portrayal of the Navy brass being opposed to a woman joining an elite fighting force. In fact, federal law prohibits women from being in direct combat units. Presumably, the Navy wasn't bappy with a film that showed SEAL candidates being beaten and tortured as part of their training. At one point, the training officer threatens Jordan with rape in an attempt to break her.

Scott admits that at times he took filmic license. He asked his military advisers - some of them former SEALs themselves - wbat methods they would use in training if free of policy constraints and political correctness. "I asked them how would you

really like to train these people for real conditions, pressure and battle conditions," Scott said. "So some things are classical in the film and one or two things cross the line really into areas that they probably would like to go into or have visited before and found to be too

stringent.
"I'm not saying SEAL training is easy, but in certain aspects it probably doesn't go as far as we wanted to go." Scott knew that his latest heroine would be able to

(The Baltimore Sun)

Artists' Colony

t one table, the conversation centered on the definition of beauty, with frequent diversions onto chess strategy when some-

Lane at the neighboring table made the wrong move. A few feet away, at the bar, an aspiring writer explained what he was trying to convey in his latest work, while his companions told him where he bada't quite succeeded.

The conversations were intense, at times rather heated, but not enough to break the concentration of the man in the corner sketching the scene at the bar.

The proprietor flitted between tables, offering a comment or a plate of tapas or a beer when it seemed appropriate.

In Spain, such gathering places are common, says Carmel Zelikovitch, who, with her husband Eran, is trying to recreate that atmosphere at the Smadar Tapas Bar which they opened recently at the Smadar Theater in Jerusalem's Germany Colony neighborhood. Such places are where Spanish art developed and flourished, says Zelikovitch, adding that she thinks Jerusalem sorely needs a space for informal artistic interchange.

The theater, Jerusalem's oldest functioning cinema, is an appropriate venue, its old Jerusalem charm and recent renovations combining to give it a comfortable, welcoming feel.

The Smadar, built by the Templers in 1928 and frequented by British troops during the Mandate period, was renovated and reopened last summer by Shani Films Ltd. Unlike its other theaters, located in malls in the Tel Aviv area, Shani wanted its Lev Smadar theater to be a neighborhood theater that would supplement the offerings of bigger cinemas showing more commercial

Zelikovitch dislikes labels, making it clear that the Smadar Tapas Bar is not a restaurant, cafe, coffeehouse or bar, but is simply a quiet, informal place where people can discuss and cre-

ate art while enjoying simple, inexpensive Spanish food.

She excitedly points at one of the half-dozen wood tables scattered in the theater's foyer, where a young writer has spent several hours sitting and typing away on a laptop computer. At the other end of the enclosed courtyard is a large tree, which is growing through a hole in the ceiling and serves as a notice board. Every few days, a poet comes by and tacks up his latest work amid the flyers announcing events.

Though the customers usually are people in their twenties, the clientele includes people of all ages who, on their way into the movie house, are tempted by the platters of tapas displayed at the end of the bar.

All this food is the kind we are in my house, my grandmother's house, and my grandmother's mother's house, explains Zelikovitch, who grew up in Venezuela eating the Spanish food her family has loved for generations, both before and after mov-ing to South America.

In addition to soups, salad platters and cakes, Zelikovitch and her assistants prepare a variety of tapas, the Spanish equivalent of meze.

The tapas include eggplant slices, fried and then maximated in vinegar, breaded croqueties, fried balls of inilk and flour flavored with omoris, time, olives, peppers, cheese. There are also colorful miniature skewers of vegetables and cheese it examples of the critics means are no display belief a principle of the critics means are no display belief a principle of the critics means are no display belief a principle of the critics means are no display belief a principle of the critics means are no display belief a principle of the critics means are not display belief a principle of the critics means are not display belief a principle of the critics means are not display belief a principle of the critics means are not display belief a principle of the critics means are not display belief as a principle of the critics means are not display belief as a principle of the critical prin

also colorial minimize skewers of vegetables and cheeses. Examples of the cinine mean are on display behind a window at the bar, and Zelikovitch is eager to explain, what each item is for now, only, vegetarian food is being served, though Zelikovitch emphasizes that site doesn't want the tapas bar to be called vegetarian. She has just eliminated meat from the meour to avoid the problem of leastful, and has not been able to find ingh-malify fish in tensalear.

The final menus prices and hours of the tapas bar are not yet set. For now, the hours are dictated by the movie schedule and, the county the hours are dictated by the novie schedule and the crowd, Zelikovich generally closes the kitchen at midnight; but the pervise so harry after viewing a fate-night film, she'll keep serving tood. The Smadar Tapas Bar is open Monday to Thursday from 2 p.m. and on Sannday from 1 p.m. There also is a happy hour on Sannday from 1 p.m. when drinks from the bar are discounted 25 percent.

The Smadar Tapas Bar, 4 Lloyd George, Jerusalem,

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Author Galila Ron-Feder Amit talks about her favorite films

such a prolific author that she has lost count of how many books she's written. Though better known for her novels for children, her fourth book for adults, Free to Fly, was published by Modan on the eve of Rosh Hashana.

Ron-Feder Amit, a frequent radio and TV host and guest, is currently working on two television series targeted for "the whole family." Both of these are scheduled to go on the air sometime around January.

Considering the focus of much of Ron-Feder Amit's work, it is not surprising that the five films she considers her favorites all involve an emotional process undergone by children. Though each of the movies originates in a different country - France, Italy, the US, Scotland and Yugoslavia - the issues with which each of the directors is grappling are universal. 1. La Guerre Des Boutons ("The

Button War"). France, 1962. Directed by Yves Robert. "I first saw it as a child, and still enjoy watching it on video. It taught me an incredible amount about children in general, and about youth gangs in particular. Set in provincial France, this movie is about two gangs of kids at 'war' with one another. The winning group removes the buttons from the clothes of the losers. The movie not only gives a glimpse into the world of children, but serves as a parable about the world of adults as well."

2. Cinema Paradiso. Italy, 1990. Directed by Giuseppe Tornatore. "This film is about a child who

adores movies. Set in an Italian village, it reveals the world from the perspective of a young boy, hased on his nostalgia for the movie theater in his village and for the man who operates the projec-

3. Stand by Me. US, 1986.

Directed by Roh Reiner. "This movie is about four 12year-old boys who undergo an initiation into maturity through their search for a corpse. Their quest leads them to remove their

◀ alila Ron-Feder Amit is 'masks' and move closer to one another. It is a marvelous depiction of the problems of youth. Interestingly, one of the lead actors. River Phoenix, died of an

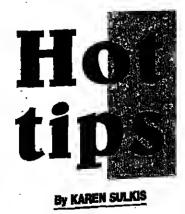


4. Trainspotting. Scotland, 1996. Directed by Danny Boyle. Based on the novel by Irvine Welsh.

This is about a group of young Scots who become addicted to drugs, as a result of their lack of values and loss of hope and ambition. Aside from being a powerful commentary on the state of the culture surrounding these kids, the film itself was so powerful that I actually felt the nausea and shakes experienced from the need for a fix. Something in the camera angles and acting gives an ultrarealistic view of the experience. 5. When Father Was Away on

Business. Yugoslavia, 1985. Directed by Emir Kusturica. "This movie about a man unjustly arrested by the Communists of

Yugoslavia is shown from the perspeciive of his son. Unable to understand why his father has been arrested, the boy tries to make sense of the world around him. This is difficult for him to do, since the fate of his father rests in the hands of a few corrupt people. Showing the ills of the regime through the eyes of a child makes it seem all the more senseless."



Tel Aviv area

Theater in House Slippers presents a weekend of bargain-priced plays. Tonight's program features Call Waiting and An Indifferent Male Beauty at 8:30. And Now for the Candles, Excuse Me for Breathing and The Catcher all at 11. Shows continue tomorrow at 2, 9 and 11, and Saturday at 8:20 and 11. In the Sheinkin Street

Community Center, near Gan Sheinkin. Call (03) 528-8827/9. For some of us, moving to Israel

means an end to seeing those often works by choreographers Yossi unsightly and pretentious "foreign" films. Not because we've outgrown them, but because we can't read the Hehrew subtitles. Tonight, the Cinematheque pre-

sents a program to help you reclaim the art-house snob within. The fun begins at 5 p.m. with a screening of Identification Marks: None. This 1965 film is in Polish, but you'll understand everything, because the subtitles are in English! So are the titles for the German film Neben der Zeit, which follows at 6:30. Capping the evening is John Sayles's Lone Star. Most of this film is in English, but the plot twists are so bizarre that you may sometimes wonder. Screening starts at 9:30. The Cinematheque is at the corner of Carlebach and

Ha'arba streets. Raising the Curtain, a threeweek-long dance festival, begins tonight at the Suzanne Dellal

This evening's program features Ido Tadmor's Uranus at 7 and Yungman and Sonia D'Orelean at 10:30. Also at 10:30 are Barak Marshall's intriguingly titled Emma Goldman's Marriage and Inbal Pinto's Duet, Call (03) 510-

Still wondering where to find all that swell Tel Aviv nightlife you've been hearing so much about? Want to experience all of it in one night? You're in luck. Tonight, Tel Aviv After Dark and the Egged and United Tours hus companies are cohosting a nightclub tour. The club crawl starts at 9 at Planet Hollywood (86 Herbert Samuel Street, on the beachfront side of the Yanii Hotel). A mere NIS 112 buys you transportation on Egged, admission to all the hotspots you visit and drinks. Call (03) 525-6484 for reservations.

Black Mud plays soul and rhythm & blues tonight at Camelot, 16 Sholom Aleichem Street The show starts at 11. Call (03) 528-5222.

Tonight at 10:30, Assaf

Amdorski takes the stage at Barbi, 8 Rehov Yona Hanavi. Then at midnight, the club surrenders to G-Spot. Call (03) 517-

The African Roots band entertains you and your finned friends at the Dolphinarium. The music starts tonight at 8:30. The Dolphinarium is off the beachfront promenade, not far from the Dan Panorama Hotel.

Jerusalem

It's a busy night tonight at the Jerusalem Theater complex. Ulpan flunkies will be glad to know that the Jerusalem English Speaking Theater is presenting Mrs. Klein. The JESTers take the stage tonight at 8:30.

Also at 8:30 over in the theater's Henry Crown Symphony Hall, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra performs works by Mozart, Schuniann, Leonard Bernstein and Lukas Foss, who'll also be conducting. For information on both performances, call (02) 561-0011. duction of Antigone, Sophocles's immortal Greek tragedy, by way of Jean Anouilh, at 8:30 tonight. It seems that no place on Earth is safe from uncredentialed inter-

The Khan Theater hosts a pro-

gender communication guru John Gray, C.S. Brandt leads a lecture and discussion of Gray's Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus. Tonight at 8 at the Israel Center, 10 Straus Street. Call (02) 567-0512.

Dutch dancer Eva Sandberger presents Skin Hunger, an evening of solo dance. Tonight at 9 at Habama, 4 Rehov Yad Harutzim.

And Points Beyond

We all know men who still act like little boys. They won't grow up. They can't grow up. They even seem to live in a world of their own. Why settle for pale imitations when you can experience the original - and take your children? Catch Peter Pan today at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Haifa Auditorium.



Chickpea, bulgur and tomato pilaf

A toast to the green and gold

With so many olive oils crowding the shelves, how do you know which are the best ones to buy?

By LINDA WEST ECKHARDT & LAURA FRASER

Tot long ago, the big bottle of olive oil I keep next to my stove ran dry. Evideotly, I was using a lot more to cook with than I had in the past. So I turned off the pasta sauce and headed to the store.

It used to be easy to pick up olive oil at the supermarket. You had a choice: the big bottle or the little one. But now I was faced with more varieties than there were brands of shampoo - whole shelves of them. I could have early-harvest, unfiltered, organic or cold-pressed. My olive oil could be pressed with oranges, lemons or tangerines; it could be flavored with basil, garlic or Tuscan pepper. I could buy it in square, cylindrical or elegantly elongated bottles.

The shelf labels read like those you'd see at a good wine store, introducing me to a whole new olive-oil vocabulary. "Complex, with hints of grass and nuttiness," read one. "Sweet, creamy and buttery" and "big. peppery finish"

read others. And I could pay anywhere from \$3 to \$18(NIS 14 to NIS 63) for a tiny bottle. What was I supposed to do?

I couldn't decide whether to opt for the big tin at the supermarket or the boutique bottle. Most consumers choose something in between: They don't buy the cheapest or the most expensive, settling instead on a mid-priced oil, like a blended extra-virgin in a big bottle, and then using it for everything. But that strategy may actually be giving you the least taste for your money.

Olive oil is used for two very different purposes: as a fat for cooking and as a condiment to add flavor to a dish. If you use the same mid-range oil for both purposes, you're paying too much for cooking fat and aren't getting enough flavor as a condiment. When you heat olive oil, it loses much of its taste, so it is a waste to use an extra-virgin oil that way. Besides, less-expensive "pure" grade oil is actually better to cook with because it is refined, with no olive particles at the bottom of the bottle that can burn at high hear.

But when you're using olive oil for its flavor - when tossing it with roasted vegetables or adding it to pasta, for example - a higherpriced extra-virgin oil will usually produce a much better result than a mid-priced one.

"It's worth it to splurge on a bot-

tle of really good-flavored olive oil for the intense taste," says Jesse Cool, owner and overseeing chef of a cafe in Menlo Park, California.

It is easy enough to figure out which olive oil to buy for cooking - try the cheapest of a name brand or an inexpensive blended extravirgin oil. But how can you tell which high-quality extra-virgin oil to invest in? The best oils typically come from one location - they aren't blended by a large company, but are made on small estates with their own labels.

"A good olive oil is like wine," says Silvana LaRocca, owner of a specialty-cooking sbop io Berkeley, California. "It's satisfying, mouth-filling and fragrant. As with grapes and wine, each type of olive tree from each location pro-

duces a distinctive oil." The only way to tell which oil you will enjoy most is to try several. Some have a robust flavor that complements the area's cuisine. Others are lighter and more delicate, with complicated, fruity flavors. Richly colored green olive oils, which come from younger, greener olives, tend to be more strongly flavored and a little more bitter and peppery. More golden oils are from blacker, riper olives and will typically have a smonther,

milder, more buttery taste. Good olive oils don't leave a greasy film in your mouth, but have a clean finish. In the end, like wine, which olive oil you should buy comes down to your personal taste. A particular one may be well-made, but the flavor might

not appeal to you. Because good olive oil is inteosely flavored, a little goes a long way. Instead of frying most foods, try blanching or roasting vegetables before tossing them with a little blive oil toward the end. For sauteing, use just a little oil, then add some water or broth to keep the fat content of the dish low. Even though olive oil is more healthful than saturated fats, it

isn't any less fattening. "Like any other oil, it has 130 calories per tablespoon," says Dr. Marion Nestle, professor of nutritioo and food studies at New York

"It's a really good idea to substitute olive oil for saturated fat," Nestle says. "But good grief - in a diet in which calories are overconsumed, you have to be careful with it just like you are with any-

thing else." Now, after researching all the ins and outs of olive oil, I was ready to go back to the store. First, I bought the largest, cheapest tin of pure

olive oil I could find, which I decided to use for cooking. Then it was back to the deli, where I chose three bottles of extra-virgin oil the same way I would choose unfamiliar wine - by luck and instinct. I searched the labels to be sure the oils were cold-pressed and first-harvest, and got three which, it turns out, have good, distinctive flavors.

After experimenting with which one I like on pastas and which oo salad, I still haven't decided which I like best. One is light and bottery; another is strong and peppery; the third is a complex combination of the two. But hey, give me time: I'm having too much fun to figure this out all at once.

SHERRY VINAIGRETTE WITH CURRANTS Serve this vinaigrette with mixed

1/3 cup sherry vinegar 1/3 cup water √₄ cup currants 2 Tosp. extra-virgin olive oil 2 tsp. Dijon mustard 1/2 tsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. kosher salt 1/s tsp. freshly ground pepper 4 garlic cloves, crushed

Combine all ingredients in a jar. Cover tightly, and shake vigorously. (Makes I cup.)

GREEK MEATBALLS WITH LEMON-HERB ORZO

31/2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided

I cup minced onion 1 cup Italian-seasoned bread

crumbs 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh oregano

/s tsp. pepper 1/2 cup water 1/4 cup grated carrot

1/4 tsp. salt 1/4 kg. lean ground lamb 4 garlic cloves, minced l large egg, lightly beaten lemoo-herb orzo (recipe below)

Heat 1 tsp. oil in a large constick skillet over medium-bigb heat. Add the onion, and saute 3 minutes. Combine the onion and the next 10 ingredients (onion through egg). Shape meat mixture into 30 meathalls, each with a diameter of about 4 cm. Place oo a broiler pan

and bake 20 minutes or until done. Combine the lemon-herb orzo and meatballs in a large bowl. Drizzle each serving with 1/2 tsp.

olive oil. (Serves 5.)

SANTA BARBARA **PASTA SALAD**

This salad can be stored in the refrigera10r for up 10 a week.

450 gr. package frozen baby 3 cups conked orecchiette or

other small pasta shapes 1/2 cups diced red bell pepper cup finely chopped onion cup chopped iomaullos cup fresh com kernels (about 3

/s cup minced fresh coriander 2 Tosp. white wine vinegar 2 Tosp. extra-virgin olive oil 44 tsp. sali 135 gr. can chopped greeo chilis

Cook beans in boiling water 1g

minutes or until beans are tender. Combine beans and remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Serve at room temperature or chilled. (Serves 10.)

BASIL-PARSLEY SAUCE This dip can be used for artichokes as an alternative to melted

I cup fat-free chicken broth

2 Tbsp. comstarch 2 large egg yolks, lightly beaten 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil 1 Tbsp. Dijoo mustard 1 Tbsp. finely chopped lemon

I garlic clove, minced

Combine broth and cornstarch in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil. and conk 1 minute, stirring constanily. Gradually add hot broth mixture to egg yolks; stir constantly with a whisk. Return broth mixture to pan; conk over mediumlow heat 15 minutes. Pour into a

ingredients. Cover and chill. Serve with steamed fresh vegetables such as artichokes, carrots and potatoes, if desired. (Makes 11/2 cups.)

bowl; stir in parsley and remaining

VEGETABLE PIZZA WITH FETA CHEESE

in this recipe, the vegetables are cooked in a flovorful citrusvermouth mixture. You can, however, skip the procedure and use plain steamed or souteed vegetobles. A strong extra-virgin olive oil is a must for flavor, as it is drizzled over the pizza at the

1/2 cup dry vermouth 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind 3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice 2 Tbsp. chopped red onion

1/2 tsp. salt. 1/4 tsp. dried thyme 6 black peppercoms

l cup sliced zucchini 1 cup sliced yellow squash 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper 3 cups sliced cremini

1/2 kg. Italian cheese-flavored pizza crust (such as Boboli) 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley 1 Tosp. extra-virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 190°C. Combine first 7 ingredients in a large saucepan; bring to a boil. Add zucchini, squash and bell pepper, reduce heat and simmer 4 minutes. Add mushrooms; simmer 2 minutes. Drain well; discard liq-

uid and peppercorns. Place pizza crust on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with half of feta: top with vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with remaining feta and parsley. Bake at 190°C for 10 minutes or until thoroughly heated (cheese will not melt). Drizzle with olive oil. (Serves 6.)

LINGUINE WITH ROASTED TOMATOES AND GARLIC

1 kg. cherry tomatoes 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil,

divided 1/2 tsp. salt, divided

1/4 tsp. pepper 5 large unpeeled garlic cloves

4 cups hot cooked linguine 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley 2 Tosp. chopped fresh basil

Preheat oven to 230°. Combine cherry tomatoes, i Tbsp. oil, 1/2 tsp. salt, pepper, and garlic in a 33 x 23 cm. baking dish; toss gently. Bake for 45 minutes or until garlic is browned, stirring occasionally. (Tomato skins will pop.)

Squeeze garlic cloves to extract garlic pulp; mash pulp. Discard skins. Add garlic pulp to tomato mixture, stirring gently. Combine tomato mixture, remaining oil and sait, pasta, parsley and basil in a large bowl; toss gently.

> GREEN BEANS WITH LEMON AND BROWNED GARLIC

3/4 cup water 1/2 kg. green beans, trimmed 21/2 tsp. olive oil garlic cloves, minced 3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice /s tsp. salı 1/s tsp. pepper

Bring water to a boil in a large oonstick skiller, add beans. Cook 3 minutes: drain and set aside. Heat oil in skillet over mediumhigh heat. Add garlic and beans, and saute 1 minute. Add juice, salt and pepper; saute 1 minute. ROASTED-EGGPLANT DIP WITH FOCACCIA

1/2 kg. eggplant 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil 2 Tbsp. sherry vinegar

1/2 tsp. sait /. tsp. dried marjoram

/s tsp. pepper 2 garlic cloves, minced cup finely chopped onion l cup finely chopped tomato 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley 375 gr. package focaccia (Italian flatbread), cut in 12 wedges

Preheat oven to 220°. Place eggplant on a baking sheet; bake for 45 minutes or until tender. Conl. Peel; finely chop to measure 1

Combine oil and next 5 ingredients (oil through garlic) in a medi-um bowl. Add eggplant, onion, tomato and parsley; stir well. Cover and chill. Serve with focaccia. (Serves 12.)

CHICKPEA, BULGUR AND TOMATO PILAF

1 cup uncooked bulgur or

cracked wheat I cup boiling water l cup diced plum tomato l cup diagonally sliced green

onions 1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley 11/2 tsp. grated lemon rind 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice 3 Tosp. extra-virgin olive oil 1/2 tsp. salt

1/s tsp. hot sauce dash of pepper 450 gr. can chickpeas, drained 3 pitot, each cut into 4 wedges

Combine bulgur and water in a large bowl. Cover and let stand 30 minutes. Add the tomato and next 9 ingredients (tomato through chickpeas); stir well. Cover and chill. Serve with pita wedges.

LEMON-HERB ORZO

(Serves 5.)

5 cups hot cooked orzo (riceshaped pasta) 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice 1/2 tsp. cbopped fresh oregano 1/s tsp: pepper

Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl, and stir well. (Serves 5.)

ROSEMARY-LEMON CAKE WITH CURRANTS

l cup all-purpose flour l tsp. fresh rosemary tsp. baking powder
// tsp. baking soda

/s tsp. salt /2 cup and 2 Tosp. sugar, divided

3 Tosp. olive oil 1/2 cup plain fat-free yogurt 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

1/4 tsp. almond extract l large egg l large egg white

2 tsp. grated lemoo rind 1/4 cnp currents or raisins cooking spray 3 Tbsp. lemon juice

Preheat oven to 175°. Combine first 5 ingredients in a

bowl; set aside. Combine 1/2 cup sugar and oil in a large bowl; beat at high speed of a mixer 2 minutes.

Add yogurt, extracts, egg and egg white; beat 1 minote. Add flour mixture; beat at low speed until well-blended. Fold in rind

and currants. Pour batter into a 23 cm. spring-form pan coated with cooking spray. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden and cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Remove from oven. Pierce cake with a fork. Combine remaining sugar and lemon juice; spoon over cake. Cool on a wire rack (Serves &)

BRUSCHETTA POMODORO

Pomodoro is Italian for tomato.

2 cups minced plum tomato 11/2 tsp. capers-

2 Tbsp. chopped kalamata olives 1 Tbsp. chopped red onion l Tbsp. chopped fresh basil l Tosp. extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. balsamic vinegar

10 slices French bread baguette, sliced diagonally 1 cm. thick,

Combine all the ingredients except French bread; cover and let stand 30 minutes. Drain the tomato mixture. Top each bread slice with 1 Tbsp. of tomato mixture. (Serves 10.)

SKILLET-ROASTED LEMON CHICKEN WITH POTATOES

3 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil,

divided 1 large lemon, sliced

1 tsp. grated lemon find
Tosp. fresh lemon juice 1/2 tsp. salt, divided

1/4 tsp. pepper, divided 6 garlic cloves, minced, divided g skinned, boned chicken thighs,

90 gr. each 1 tsp. chopped fresh or 1/4 tsp. dried rosemary

10 cherry tomatoes 10 kalamata olives g small red potatoes, quartered rosemary sprig (optional)

Preheat oven to 230°. Coat a 25-cm. cast-iron skillet with 1 tsp. oil. Arrange lemon slices in a single layer in bottom of

Combine 1 tsp. olive oil, lemon rind, lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/6 tsp. pepper, and 4 garlic cloves in a large bowl. Add chicken, and toss to coat. Arrange chicken in a single layer on top of lemon slices.
Combine remaining olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper with chopped rosemary, cherry tomatoes, olives and potatoes in a bowl, and toss to coat. Arrange the pota-

to mixture over chicken. Top with a rosemary sprig, if desired. Bake for 1 hour or until chicken is done. (Serves 4.)

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Why are fruits and vegetables coated with wax? Is the wax detrimental to one's health?

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The fruit and vegetable industries often coat produce with wax (donag in Hebrew) to seal in moisture and extend the storage life of the item. Doing so also minimizes weight loss during dehydrarion, which could be quite costly for producers. Some consumers also like the sheen wax adds; shiny apples are more attractive than

regular ones. While the wax itself is not poisoonus, it does toughen the fruit or vegetable's skin, give it an off-flavor and is impossible to remove. thwarting your ability to scrub off pesticides that may have been sprayed on the fruit before it was

Apples, cucumbers, citrus fruit, bell peppers and pears are among the fruits and vegetables most

often waxed, though it is possible to find them occasionally without wax (particularly, but not only, if you buy them organic.) Although I am against peeling fruits and vegetables because of the fiber and vitamin loss, I prefer peeling waxed fruit to eating the wax.

I like making my own bread, but I'm a novice and don't understand the function of certain ingredients in the recipe, so I'm afraid to vary them. What is the difference between using milk or water in a bread recipe? I also have heard that you can add potato water or beer as a liquid. What is the difference between them? What does adding an egg do? — Carol Bailin, Beersheba

Bread made with water generally will have a chewier texture than that made with milk. Milk contains protein and sugar in the form of lactose; this will help produce a more delicate texture and a deeper brown crust. Milk, potato cooking water and beer all add nutrients. calories and flavor to the bread. The yeast also interacts with them,

producing a higher loaf. Eggs add color, flavor, nutrieots (including protein), more volume and a definite richness to breads like halla. In cake and pastry baking, the coagulated egg protein helps keep the cake or pastry together.

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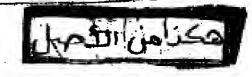
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them in a beverage, but never told me the reason. My friends laugh at me for doing it, but I do it anyway. Do you have an explanation for this practice? - Mosbe Tuval, Jerusalem Your mother was right. Freezers have odors in them, no matter how clean they are, but we usually don't sense the odors because the

food is cold. Ice cubes pick np freezer odors and transfer them to the beverage to which they are added. The older the ice cubes, the stronger the odors will be imbued in the cubes. Try to change your ice cubes weekly, and rinse them under cold running water right before use. Your drink will definitely taste better.

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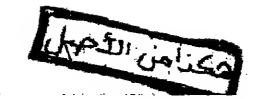
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By Haim Shapiro

Long-Lotz cisterns

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Was there perhaps a more temperate climate, with greater rainfall? Or were the ancients simply better at utilizing the meager water resources at their disposal? We know that the Nabateans and Byzantines were masters at water engineering, but there are remains that testify to the fact that the economical use of water existed far earlier, during the period of the Judean kings.

Among the most impressive of these remains are the Lotz Cisterns, a group of 17 such cisterns in an area two kilometers in diameter west of Mitzpe Ramon. They have remained intact for thousands of years. These cisterns, which date from the 10th century BCE, are believed to

have been built as part of King Solomon's effort to settle and defend bis southern border. Today they still provide unexpected clusters of vegetation.

In contrast to most of the Negev wells, they are not oases, which receive their water from underground springs. Rather, they are true open cisterns, reservoirs for surface rainwater which is channeled into them, sometimes from a very large area.

Even the cisterns which have

fallen into complete disrepair usually serve as collecting facilities to some extent. During the dry season they still show a bit of dampness and have more trees and bushes than the surrounding area. Those that have remained intact or have been reconstructed in recent times often retain water throughout the year. Some of them are often used as informal swimming pools for bikers. although one would hesitate to

vouch for the quality of the both sides of the road, and many

The pools themselves are large holes in the ground, which have been carefully lined with stones. Part of the wall of the cistern is built to form a circular stairway going down so that those who use the cistern can gather even the last drops of water during the dry season, as well as clear away the plants growing inside. Far more ingenious are the stonelined water channels that lead to the cisterns along the natural crevices in the ground. In the well-preserved cistems, you can also see a settling chamber - a small indentation before the cistern itself where dirt, stones and bits of refuse, which have been carried along with the water flow, can settle.

However, much as we may admire these ancient accomplishments, we should also remember that we use water far more wantonly than our ancestors. While cisterns such as these could provide us with sufficient drinking water (assuming we were satisfied with its purity) and perhaps enough for limited irrigation, it would hardly be enough for all our washing needs, not to mention water to supply flush toilets. All we can do is bave a swim and admire the ingenuity of past generations.

To get to the Lotz Cisterns, take the road going west from the Horot Junction (road number 171), just north of Mitzpe Ramon. Or drive south on the border road from Nitzana (described in an earlier column). The cisterns are spread out on

of them are identified by signs.

Just remember that although this part of the Negev may be a desert, it is about 950 meters above sea level, so it can get very cold on some winter days and bitterly cold at night.

Weekender Travel



This cistern near Mitzpe Ramon is believed to have been built by King Solomon to settle and defend his southern border.

Donkey's years back in time



A different way to see the Negev

That could be more relaxing than a leisurely donkey ride in the wilds of the western Negev? Ofer Hartuv of Be'erotayim Tours, based at Ezuz, runs various activities, including overnight donkey trips. The tiny community of Ezuz, about 12

km. south of Nitzana on the Egyptian border, is so remote it is not connected to the national electricity grid or water system. The eight families living there have an electricity generator and draw their water from wells. The nearest grocery store is 20 km. away, and fruit and veg-etables have to be bought in Beersheba. Egged reaches no closer than Nitzana, and even that only twice a day.

There are only three civilians among what seem like 200 passengers on the early afternoon bus from Beersheba to the numerous army camps in this remote desert area. We reach the end of the line. The other two passeogers are new at the Nitzana ulpan, which must be a tremendous culture shock! -

I start walking towards Ezuz. The area is rich in remains of the Turkish railway line effort to reach the Suez Canal during World War L The British-built road from Nitzana to Ezuz runs along the railway embankment. I am relieved to see I am

heading in the right direction when I see, visible for a considerable distance across the flat desert landscape, the large stone water tower which is all that remains of the Nitzana (Uja el-Hafir) station.

Hartuy picks me, up in his jeep and deposits me at the entrance to Ezuz, where I meet the rest of the group - a family of five. Usually the groups are larger; the day before, there had been 80 participants.

THE PROGRAM begins mid-afternoon as we are introduced to our donkeys and climb aboard for a leisurely ride through the stony, arid landscape. Some of our mounts have minds of their own and attempt to snatch a mouthful of sparse foliage by the side of the track or even Russian immigrants who have ended up?? wander off, but we are soon organized and on our way. Fatties needn't worry a donkey can carry up to 250 kg.

The area is virtually devoid of human settlement today, but 2,000 years ago this thought that the north-western Negev supported a population of 85,000. The Nabateans built terraces to conserve every drop of water, and agriculture flour-

ished. Nitzana, like Petra in Jordan, was an important station on the spice route. We pass a large rectangular stone

structure, reminiscent of Solomon's Pools south of Bethlehem. Our guide tells ns it is a Nabatean reservoir. How did they prevent evaporation in this desert heat? One theory is that a thin layer of olive oil was spread over the water. A small opening below the wall of the reservoir could have been used for drawing off water.

We reach the area where we are to spend the night. Our donkeys, all females, are led into a large pen. Our sleeping quarters are straw barns, with mattresses provided (participants bring their own sleeping bags). Somewhat surprisingly, there are real flush toilets and hot showers - in straw huts in the middle of the desert.

After a Beduin-style dinner and some storytelling, there is nothing to do but tch the huge moon rising and look at the stars, visible in such profusion that I find it impossible to identify any constellations.

a glass of sweet tea, it's back to beadquarters. We are warned that the donkeys will be frisky, as they are hungry and on their way home. But by now we are experienced riders, and I feel I could go on like this forever.

A delicious breakfast, including locally made cheeses, is served in a stone structure that was built as a water tank for the Turkish locomotives.

Since we are such a small group, we can all fit into one jeep for a tour of the desert. We climb a mound of rocks, from which there is a superb view of the barren terrain. Hartuv shows us carved rock drawings depicting animals, which are at least 14,000 years old. Other carvings are more recent, inscriptions in an early form of Arabic script. Hartuv and his colleagues will not publicize the exact location of these rock drawings for fear they will be overrun by visitors and destroyed.

The limestone rocks indicate that this rea was once under the sea. Fossils abound here, and we are shown one of the most extraordinary natural wonders I have ever seen – a fossilized coral reef. The next morning we are up at 6. After Like its surroundings, it is completely

35 centimeters high. Finger-like projections point in all directions. Again, this is something whose exact location remains a secret. The previous group of 80 participants was not privileged to see such a sight for obvious practical reasons.

white, some four meters long and about

A large cave provides evidence of wildlife in the area: owl pellets, porcupine quills, a hyena bone. Of living creatures, we see nothing larger than a shiny black beetle, especially adapted to the desert conditions, with longer legs than its northem cousins to raise it half a centimeter above ground, where its body is cooler.

We drive along the unfenced border between Israel and Egypt. Hartuv points out that this is Israel's most peaceful border, but peace is a mixed blessing. Influxes of tourists, and the consequent development of infrastructure, will destroy the fragile balance of nature in the region.

I feel privileged to have seen it before

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Bridge

A safer line of play

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

France defeats USA in Final

South dealer East-West vulnerable

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South West North East

Opening lead: ♦K and \$2

The world hridge team championships ended last Saturday in Tunisia with victories for France and the US in the main events. France defeated the US in the final of the Bermuda Bowl by a score of 328 imps to 301. In the Venice Cup (restricted to women), the US defeated China hy a score of 249 to 184. There were 160 deals played in the Bermuda Bowl and 128 deals in the Venice Cup.

The winning French team included Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Christian Mari, Herve Mouiel, Frank Multon, and Michel Perron. Five of these players were also on the winning French team last year in the World Olympiad. The US women's team was captained by Sue Picus and included Lisa Berkowitz, Mildred Breed, Marinesa Letitzia, Jill Meyers, Randi Monton and Tobi Sokolow. This was a completely different team from last year's US team that won the Women's Team Olympiad (also defeating China in the final). To reach the final of the Venice

CupstherUS women's team defeated another US team in the semifinal, while China defeated France. In the Bermuda Bowl, France defeated Norway in the semifinal, while the US defeated another US

Today's deal comes from the semifinal of the Bermuda Bowl, in which the two US teams harded for a spot in the final. The teams were called USA1 and USA2.

All championship team matches are played at two tables (per match). Two pairs from each team play

By NIGEL SHORT

There are two important psycho-

logical observations to make about

the following game which strongly

influences the eventual destination

of the top prize in Novgorod this

year. Firstly, I had noticed that my opponent Vladimir Kramnik has a

tendency to coast home when he

has amassed a oumber of early vic-

tories. Out of respect and fear, few

players are prepared to seriously

press the world's No. 2 in the latter

stages of an event. I therefore

resolved to do exactly that for this

game, imagining that Kramnik would not be totally prepared for a

fierce fight.
The second factor was that I was

highly motivated for this particu-

lar encounter. In the first half of

the event I succumbed to the ami-

able young Russian in fairly disap-

pointing style. In the car, on the

way back to the hotel, I was told

by the tournament director.

"Thank you, Nigel, for giving me such positive emotions...for losing to my good friend Vlodya." While

I consider it perfectly reasonable for a groupie, for example, to express such opinion, I was less

than happy that the person in charge of the event felt at liberty to do likewise.

Novgorod, 1997 1.e4 c5 2.Nt3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3!

"Zugzwang!" exclaimed an amused Topalov afterwards, joking-

ly implying that black has no rea-

sonable reply. Kasparov also liked his idea as it forced my opponent away from this narrow but exceedingly well analyzed repertoire. After a substantial think he answered 6. ...g6 7. Be3 Bg7 8. Bc4 0-0 9. Bb3. White has obtained a modest but

satisfactory line against the Sicilian Dragon. 9. ...Na5. The best response is 9. ...Nxd4 10. Bxd4 h51 with an

White: Short Black: Krumnik

Chess

A surprise attack

North-South at one table, while their teammates sit East-West at the other table. Both tables play the same deals, so a simple comparison of scores is made after the match, and the difference in scores on each deal is converted to a scoring method known as "imps," which stands for "international match points."

Usually, you can win or lose 1 to 14 imps per deal (sometimes more on very high scores). These score differences are known as "swings." On today's deal, the swing was 10 imps when USA2 scored 420 in a four-spade contract at one table, while USA! went down one (-50) at the other table.

The 470 points won hy USA2 translated to 10 imps.

The reason four spades made at one table but went down at the other was due to the opening lead. The more aggressive opening lead allowed the contract to make, while the passive lead defeated the contract. The hidding in the diagram shows how North raised spades artificially with a jump to two notrump. This hidding convention is known as "Jacoby 2NT." South's rehid of three spades promised extra values, hut no outside singleton and North settled for game. At one table. West led the aggressive king of diamonds.

He was hoping his partner had the queen or ace and that he could score a third-round ruff in diamonds. He was right, but the lead backfired in a subtle way. The king of diamonds won the first trick and a diamond was led to East's ace. Now a third round of diamonds

was led and West ruffed it. After taking the first three tricks, West led a club at trick four and South won in hand and led the queen of spades for a finesse. West played low, but South played low from dummy and the queen won the trick. Now declarer had the rest. At the other table, West led a club on opening lead. Although declarer could now have made 11

tricks by finessing in spades, he was not looking at all four hands. Declarer took a theoretically safer line of play. He cashed the ace of spades and led a second round of spades. Declarer was afraid that if he took a losing finesse in spades, East would win the king and shift to diamonds to score the ace, king and a diamond ruff. Declarer's play of ace and a spade was an ing. But the opposite occurred. When West woo the second round of spades with the king, he was able to shift to the king of dia-

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even game. 10. Qd2 Bd7 11.Bb6
Rc8 12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13. Qd3. To
halt b5 and to discourage a knight
incursion on c4. 13. ...a6 14. £4 e5!
I5. Nde2 Qh6 16. 0-0-0 Bh5. Black
has played energetically and well
and has almost solved his opening
difficulties albeit after consuming a

difficulties albeit after consuming a

vast amount of time. If now 17.

Nxb5 Qxb5 leaves the white e-pawn

very vulnerable. 17. Qf3 Bxe2 18. Qxe2 Nxb3+ 19. axb3 exf4 20.

Kramnik accompanied this poor

move with a draw offer. It would

move with a draw offer. It would have been better to play the obvious 20. ...Nh5 when after 21 Rf3 Rfe8 22. Qd2 Re6 23. Nd5 Qd8 (23. ...Qc5?? 24. Rc3) 24. Nxf4 the game is about equal. 21. Rxf4 Qa1+ 22. Nb1. The black queen only appears actively placed on this square, in fact she is far from the defense of her king and a potential target herself. 22. ...Nd7! 22. ...Rc6? 23. e5 dxe5? 24. Rall is a good illustration

dxe5? 24. Rall is a good illustration

of the pitfalls that await black. 23. Rxd6 Ne5 24. Qe3 a5? The final

mistake. Black had 10 try 24. ... Qa2

which, while not exactly impressive, at least disturbs the white coordination. 25.e5! b5 otherwise Rd5 and Ra4 26.Rh4 Kg8 26...b5 27. Rxh5 27. Rxh5 27. Rxh5 28. Qh6 threat-

ening mate. Black makes a desperate sacrifice 28. _Rxc2+29. Kxc2

Rc8+ 30. Nc3 and black resigns. © Telegraph Group

monds and defeat the contract.



Weekender Leisure

On Camera



(Above) 'One Step to Infinity' (Erwin Schenkelbach); (far left) Portrait of the Dalai Lama, 1994 (Erwin Schenkelbach); (center) Erwin Schenkelbach (David Brauner)

On a journey with Schenkelbach

BY DAVID BRAUNER

"What is the genesis of the photographic art process?" asks veteran Israeli photographer Erwin Schenkelbach rhetorically. Narrowing his eyes, he answers: "That is the core question that interests us. For me, it's that I feel something. I don't even see the picture right away. First, 1 feel it. I feel a sense of excitement, something in me that

begins to gel. In his photography, Schenkelbach seeks to see "fantastic things," capture them and draw them out in order to show others what he has seen. The viewer thus becomes the other half of the artist's world.

The artist succeeds when he makes the viewer his co-traveler on an exciting journey full of: ambushes through the land of light, shadow and silence." says Schenkelbach.

He likens the feeling he experiences when he's about to take a picture to an encounter with the Gate to the Fourth Dimension. "I time, and ask myself what is it here that gives me this feeling. Why here? I don't see anything. I

look around, ask questions, look for answers. I know that here is the gate, and my camera is the key to open it."

Schenkelhach uses the term "Fourth Dimension" to describe the artist's imagination.

"I believe imagination stems from reality. It cannot come from nothing. I believe that if an artist creates a picture, painting or piece of writing, however strange, the reality has to exist - even if it is unseen - in another, parallel realm somewhere along the time-space continuum."

Erwin arrived to Israel in the early '60s. Since then, he has exhibited in 13 solo shows, here and ahroad. The British Journal of Photography, in a rare break with its tradition of publishing only British-born photographers, ran a Schenkelhach spread in 1980

which featured young IDF soldiers. The Israel Museum has purchased his work for its permanent

SCHENKELBACH

south of Warsaw, Schenkelbach was reared in "an atmosphere of the darkroom, the chemicals, the magic of photography."

While studying engineering in Italy, Berthold Schenkelhach became an accomplished photographer of portraits and landscapes He practiced the rare hromoil technique, which Schenkelbach describes as a "painful process" that turned prints into a form of oil

painting.
In 1935-6, Berthold submitted his work to the prestigious interna-tional competition in Warsaw. His pictures won all three top prizes: the gold, silver and bronze medals, making him a sensation, particularly in the Jewish press. Sadly, all of the senior Schenkelbach's photographs and negatives were lost during the Holocaust

Apart from his purey artistic activity. Scheckelbach also derives much satisfaction from his freelance press work for local and foreign publications. And, for the past 12 years, he has been the official portrait photographer for

tists, writers and other intellectuals, including many Nobel Prize

In his portraiture, Schenkelbach attempts (though he admits that he doesn't always succeed) to penetrate the exterior, to discover "the dark side of the person, like the dark side of the moon."

"Photography is curiosity," he states, "asking what's happening on the other side."

The portrait photographer, believes Schenkelbach, has to break down the barriers between himself and his subjects, "so much so that they forget that you are there to photograph them. They become your partners in the photograph."

He recalls how in his IDF series his camera revealed soldiers who were not the idealized "gods of photography from his father International Cultural Center. He showed, but rather "young men Berthold. In the small Polish town has amassed over 500 images of who did not want to be there, to of Drohohycz in Galicia, 800 km. world-renowned artists, scien- wear uniforms, or to have to kill."

Schenkelbach confines his artistic ocuvre to hlack and white: He stresses that the fewer elements a picture contains, the more impact it has. "Impact is everything, and either a picture makes an impact or it doesn't. The artistic photographer must learn to throw away everything that is not essential."

His pictures are experimental in approach, subject matter and composition. Of the last, the artist says, position, of the last, the artist says,
"Before you can hreak the accepted
rules of composition, you first hast
to know and practice for years the
classic principles of composition."

Summing up his philosophy of art
and photography, Schenkelbach
quotes his spiritual mentor, the
artist Max First from his autobioge.

artist Max Ernst, from his autobiography: "I am a very lucky man,

To which Schenkelbach adds, Because when an artist finds

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You can leave your hat on

Headcoverings and wigs: not just for the observant anymore

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

There was a time when a har was considered to be the best way that a woman could give herself a lift when she was feeling out of sorts. The whole procedure of buying a new hat, from following through oo an intention to trying on and making the purchase, was guaranteed to chase the hlues away or at least put them on hold.

For some Israeli women the acquisition of a new hat poses serious problems - not necessarily of a financial nature.

Because covering one's head in Israel is associated with religious observance, many secular women deliberately scorn hats and kerchiefs and at best will don a base-

Fashion-wise, this is a shame because the recent proliferation of millinery stores around the coun-

try has brought with it a new appreciation for creative headgear. Indeed, if one looks around at the hats being worn today, one can detect a far greater sense of individuality than say, two or three years ago, when there were fewer styles and colors available.

Almost in tandem with the tide of hats is the resurgence of wigs and hairpieces as fashion items and not only as an option for those women who cover their heads out of religious conviction. The latter, of course, wear wigs

nearly all the time, and most have at least two or three wigs in their possession. Some have as many as a dozen in different colors, styles and lengths. These are the women who really know how to project themselves into a better frame of

At a receot fund-raising dinner, one of the guests who usually wears a very short, straight-haired, no-oonsense wig with a page-boy



cut, turned up in a frivolous, curly wig which was not only a different color, but framed her face differently and gave her added height. Eveo her best friends failed to recognize her when she said hello, and she had a wonderful night ohserving people's amazement when they realized who she was.

Last week, at another religious function, I was greeted by three women whose voices were familiar, but whom I couldn't quite

place. The reason? All three had been wearing different wigs on the previous occasions we'd met. In my mind's eye, the blonde had been registered as a hrunette; the one with the soft, wavy hair had been wearing a chignon and the one with the gray wig had been dark-haired.

A wig really does much more for you than a hat. First, it can be combed or brushed in different ways, so it gives you much more

mileage. Some synthetic wigs are so well made that they only have to be shaken a little and patted or gently hrushed and they look perfect, which saves a lot on hair-dressing expenses. Whereas a hat should suit the rest of your outfit. this is seldom a consideration when it comes to wigs. So long as the wig suits your complexion and your facial structure, you don't have to worry about whether it will harmonize with your clothes.

But best of all is what it does for preserving your youth. Even a gray or a white wig, because of the quantity of hair it contains, usually looks hetter than one's own hair. The majority of naturally gray- and white-haired women who wear wigs usually opt for color and it's remarkable how much younger they look as a result. In fact, it's sometimes a shock to see what they look like

when they remove the wig. Many wigs today - even the inexpensive variety - are so authentic looking that they fool just about everyone. This is a particular hoon for women who are losing their own hair. The wig hides the results of the fall-out and is a morale booster when you look

in the mirror. Probably the best thing about a wig is its convenience. It takes only a few seconds to put on and adjust. It saves time and money at the beauty parlor. It's there for any unexpected social occasion, and it keeps you looking good.





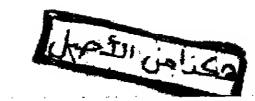




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production of Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park is directed by Jodi Schenk and stars Rob Schenk and Laurel Polansky as newly married Paul and Corie Bratter who discover that life in a fourthfloor New York walk-up isn't as romantic as they thought. And then

George Benjamin leads the Israel Contemporary Players in both Tel there's mother (Pnina Aviv and Jerusalem. Isseroff), too. Tonight at Yad Lebanim, Ra'anana at 8:30.

Donna Bechar as Solange, Helen Lesnick as Claire and Malka Abrahams as Madame are the characters of Jean Genet's acid The Maids directed by Kelly (Woman in Black) Hartog in her directing debut for the Tel Aviv Community Theater. Solange and Claire are the maids. They hate Madame and they plot. Night after night, they plot. Tonight at 8:30 p.m and Saturday at 9 p.m. at Yad Lebanim in Tel Aviv.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

Dutch dancer/choreographer Eva Sandberger presents two of her solo pieces, Huidhonger (Skin Hunger) and Burning Stones. Both works iocorporate acting as well as movement. Sandburger, who has worked bere with the avant-garde KLIPA theater group, believes that art starts from a state of empliness which allows creativity to flood io. Part of the Habama Theater's European dance season. Tonight at the Habama in Jerusalem at 9.

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MICHAEL AJENSTADT

George Benjamin leads the Israel Contemporary Players in Sofia Gubaidulina's Detto for cello and ensemble, Oliver Knusseo's Songs without Voices,

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First Light. Saturday (9) at the Tel Aviv Museum

and Sunday (8:30) at the Jerusalem Music Center.

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Krasovsky play sonatas by Mozart, Franck and

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TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

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tary series on the history of the American movie

industry, American Cinema. The series attempts

to reveal the traditions and cultural infloences

oo American film, through an examination of

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DeMomay and Ellen Burstyn · 22:00 Miami Rhapsody (1995) - a young woman who has just accepted a marriage proposal discovers that every-one around her is involved in extramari-tal affairs, With Sarah Jessica Parker, Mia.

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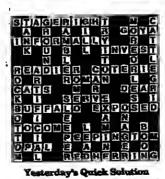
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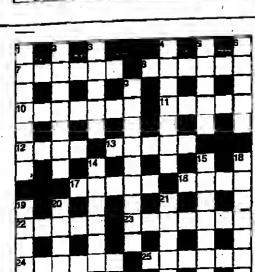
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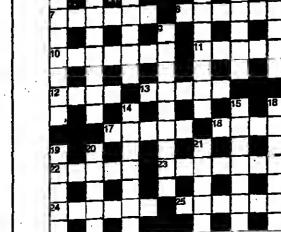
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Likud rallies behind Sharon

MKs: No need for minister to resign; Begin keeps quiet

By SARAH HONIG and LIAT COLLINS

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon wnn wide support yesterday from Likud cnlleagues, a day after a Tel Aviv court rejected his libel suit and fnund he had misled the late prime minister Menachem Begin in the Lebanon War.

Again it seemed, as in the past, said.

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

National Infrastructure Minister

Ariel Sharon misled former prime

minister Menachem Begin and his

cabinet regarding the war in

Lebanon, Yitzhak Berman, wbo

served as Begin's energy minister,

The cabinet never discussed the strategy of the Lebanon War after it

began in June 1982, said Berman,

who testified at Sharon's libel suit

against Ha'aretz journalist Uzi

Benziman. "Four times Sharon said

at the first cabinet meeting that the goal was to reach only 40 kilometers

In reaction to Sharon's demand to expose the cabinet's secret protocols about the war, Berman said, "As a

cabinet minister I saw those proto-

cols, and they are in keeping with

Berman resigned three months

We never discussed the final

goals or the strategy of the war. I resigned when I realized we were

already in Beirut and had no idea

where to go from there. Israeli troops

remained in Lebanon three more

years, suffering 650 casualties. Had we stayed within the 40-kilometer

limit we had been told of there

Three days after the war began.

said Berman, "I reached the conclu-

sion that the cabinet was not receiv-

ing accurate or correct briefings. We

suddenly got a request to approve a

certain move, and then another and

another. Why weren't we informed

n. At one point Berman said he asked

Sharon, "What conquest will you

ask us to approve the day after

would have been many less."

in advance?

later, in protest at then defense minister Sharon's repeatedly misleading

into Lebanon," said Berman.

said yesterday.

my testimony.

the cabinet, he said.

Berman: Sharon

misled all of us

that the more Sharon finds himself under attack, the more his popularity rises in his party.

The Likud issued an official statement "lending its full backing to Ariel Sharnn and strengthening bis hand."

"Sharon's contributions to this nation's security and development are enormous and be deserves our full support," it

tomorrow, to defend the place you conquer tomorrow, on the basis of

Despite Berman's demands for a

cabinet debate on the war's goals,

one was never held. "At first they

spoke of penetrating only 40 kilometers into Lebanon. Later ministers David Levy and Zevulun Hammer

joined my demands, but to no avail." Then, he said, "We suddenly found

that our forces were in the Beirut air-

port... although there had never been

no cabinet decision. Then we

entered east Beirut, again with no prior decision, and there were sever-al other things." Berman recalled a

special cabinet meeting Begin called

to discuss Sharon's proposal to enter

the Shi'ite Hisalum quarter south-

white flags and there was no fear of casualties," Berman said. "He

assured us there were no PLO terror-

ists who would cause a military con-

frontation. But by then the ministers

didn't believe him so much and

some of them asked why the head of

military intelligence didn't come to

confirm there were no PLO or

next day, Berman said, when then OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen.

Yehosbua Saguy came and exclaimed, What do you mean, the

place is swarming with terrorists!

There's bound to be an extremely

severe clash," Begin announced he

was removing the proposal from the agenda and closed the meeting." But

Sharon continued to surprise the

The meeting was put off until the

Syrian troops there."

cabinet, Berman said.

"Sharon said the Shi'ites, who were then friendly towards us, would greet the IDF troops with

west of Beingt.

After that, he continued, "We took the Beirut-Damascus road, also with

a cabinet decision to enter Beinut."

our decision today?"

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was also supportive of Sbaron. "Arik Sharon deserves our support and our gratitude for what he did for this natinn's defense and growth," he

MK Uzi Landau said he knows "Arik for many years and I trust what be says. The government knew more about the conduct of the Lebanon War that it knew

during any other war."

MK Gidenn Ezra summed up

popular party sentiment in arguing that "the Lebanon War took place years ago. Arik Sharon is essential for Israel's security

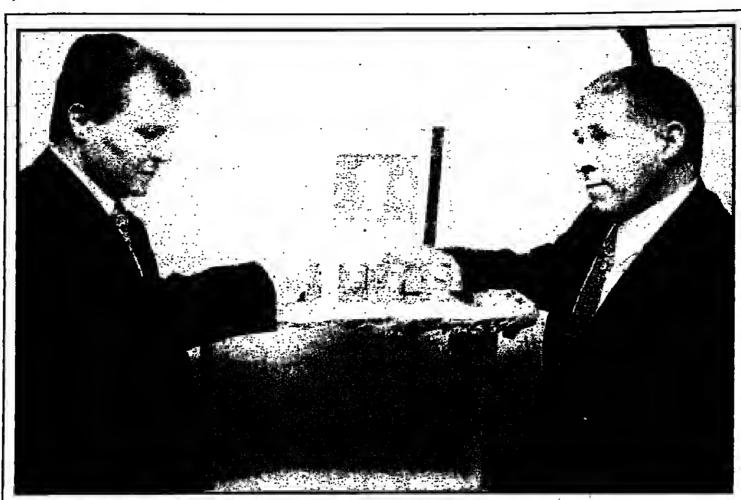
today, nnw at present." Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi thinks that "Sharnn must stay in the government. His service and his influence in the government are essential tn

MK Ze'ev Begin, whose testimnny tn the Tel Aviv district court was crucial in felling

Sharon's suit, remained silent. Knesset legal advisnr Zvi Inbar said in response to a query from MK Ran Cnhen (Meretz) that according to the Basic Law: The Government, a prime minister must step down for "a crime nf mnral turpitude," but nnt a

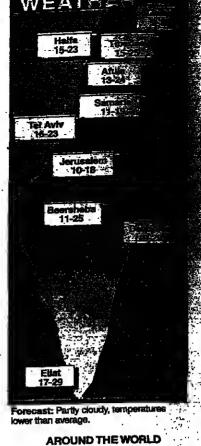
Cohen argued that given the ruling against Sbaron, in a democracy, "it is not fitting that such a person bold a public office like that of minister."

The law says that a minister can be thrown out but only by a vnte of 70 MKs, and it would seem unlikely that such a sum could be mustered against



Rabin memorial

Labor whip MK Ra'anan Cohen (right) and Likud whip MK Meir Sbeetrit together light memorial candles for Yitzhak Rabin in the Labor faction room at the Knesset yesterday. The two spoke of the needs for national reconciliation and to refrain from incitement. · (Text: List Collins; photo: Israe Harari)



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In yesterday's first daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were . the jack of spades, the 9 of hearts, the ten of diamonds and the nine of clnbs.

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Bill separates military, criminal investigations Likud body ducks

primaries issue

By SARAH HONIG

After seven hours of deliberations yesterday, the Likud's court failed to decide on whether to allow the Knesset primaries issue to be brought up at the party convention, which begins on Sunday.

The drawn-out proceedings ended with a cryptic statement which none of the sides knew hnw to interpret. The court declared that "the convention's Neeman asked to rethink agenda can be determined by the delegates." This is largely seen as an attempt by the court not tn

get drawn into the controversy. The proposals to the convention would mean the abolition of the Likud's primaries and the election of Knesset candidates by the 2,700-member central committee or by a forum of 10,000 electors, instead of by the 200,000 rank-and-file mem-

The Knesset this week passed a bill which would separate military investigations from eriminal investigations into military accidents or incidents. This means that evidence presented to the military investigation would remain classified and could not be used against a person in a criminal trial. The bill bad the support of Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) who said its importance lies in allowing those involved to give full evidence, which could be used to help prevent a repeat incident, without fear that it would be used against them.

child allowances

The Labor and Social Affairs Committee, headed by Maxim Levy (Gesber), is calling on Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman tn reconsider the proposal in the budget which would affect child allowances. National Insurance Institute director Ynssi Tamir told the committee that 500,000 families now receive

By LIAT COLLINS

child benefits. If the payments are transferred to employers, as the Treasury suggests, not all will receive them, he said.

NRA, SPNI protest Beit Jann bill

Nature Reserves Authority and Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel are protesting a bill by Salah Tarif (Labor), which passed preliminary reading yesterday, which would allow Beit Jann residents to use their land in the Mount Meron Nature Reserve in any way they like. The bill would also allow them to open a road in the reserve. The bill follows a longstanding and often violent dispute between the residents

Bill would freeze Trans-Israel Highway

pay a heavy financial and environmental price for a road which would not solve the country's transport problems.

Bill aimed at auto theft

called the project "megaloman-

ic" and said the country would

A bill by Rafi Elul (Labor) aimed at fighting car thefts passed preliminary-reading yesterday. The bill calls for more supervision of spare parts dealers and for particularly sensitive parts to be marked with an identifying code. Elul said the trade in stolen parts costs the state NIS 1.5 billion a year. The num-ber of stolen vehicles is expected to reach more than 45,000 this year.

Elon favors abolishing religious councils

Thirty MKs from all parties Following a discussion in the have signed a bill calling for the Interior Committee yesterday.

Benny Elon (Moledet) is calling Trans-Israel Highway project to be frozen. The bill was initiated for the abolition of religious by Landau, who is calling on councils. "Sbas and the National Religious Party should come to National Infrastrueture Minister Ariel Sharon, Neeman, and their senses and abolish the cur-Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy rent system of religious counto balt work on the project until cils," said Elon, who also said the along the lines of political par-ties. "A party's gains from the appointments are not worth the real harm to the image of the provision of religious services," he

'Goodwill forum' established

A resolution by Rafi Edri (Labor) calling for a "goodwill forum" to be established to act. to heal societal divisions passed vesterday. MKs from opposition. and coalition parties bave signed up for the forum which is expected to hold its first meeting after the memorial day for Yitzhak Rabin next week.





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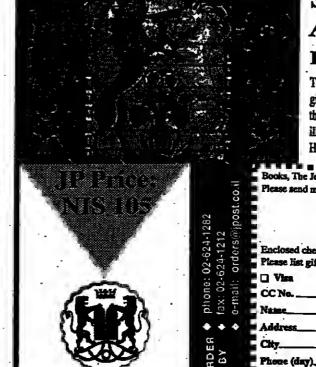
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